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West LRT top priority: City

TRANSIT

New rankings move up line through Old Strathcona



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Edmonton now has a suggested list of priorities for the \$9.5 billion in LRT projects it wants to build.

The list, released Thursday, confirms city administration feels the west section of the Valley Line should be built next, but also moves some unexpected lines closer to the top.

Councillors will debate the recommendations at next week's transportation committee.

The review slots the Valley Line extension from downtown to Lewis Farms first, followed by a short extension of the Metro Line into Blatchford.

Third on the list is expanding the Capital Line southward, from

Century Park to Ellerslie, while fourth is a segment running from the university area, through Old Strathcona to Bonnie Doon.

Extending the Metro Line into Castledowns is now fifth on the list, despite the city having done more design work on that section.

Rob Gibbard, director of facility and capital planning, said the Valley Line won out because it gives a big bang for the city's buck.

"There might be a big cost for that line, or any of the segments, but the actual ridership helped raise it up the list," he said.

The line running through Old Strathcona, called the "Downtown circulator," scored strong on many parts of the city's review because it is connected to a dense, transit friendly area.

Coun. Bev Esslinger said she wants to know more about why the extension into Castledowns is down the list.

"People up here have talked about it and are waiting for it and are under the impression it's going to come up this way," she said.



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Cyclists feeling the pinch

While support is strong for barriers along the High Level, some cyclists say their installation wasn't thought through, while the city says other designs would have been too costly or slow



Cyclists are concerned the new suicide-prevention barriers along the High Level Bridge are making an already tight space even more constrained.

The barrier consists of posts at regular intervals with cable strung between to prevent people from climbing over the rail. The city started installing the barrier last year, which council approved at a cost of \$3 million.

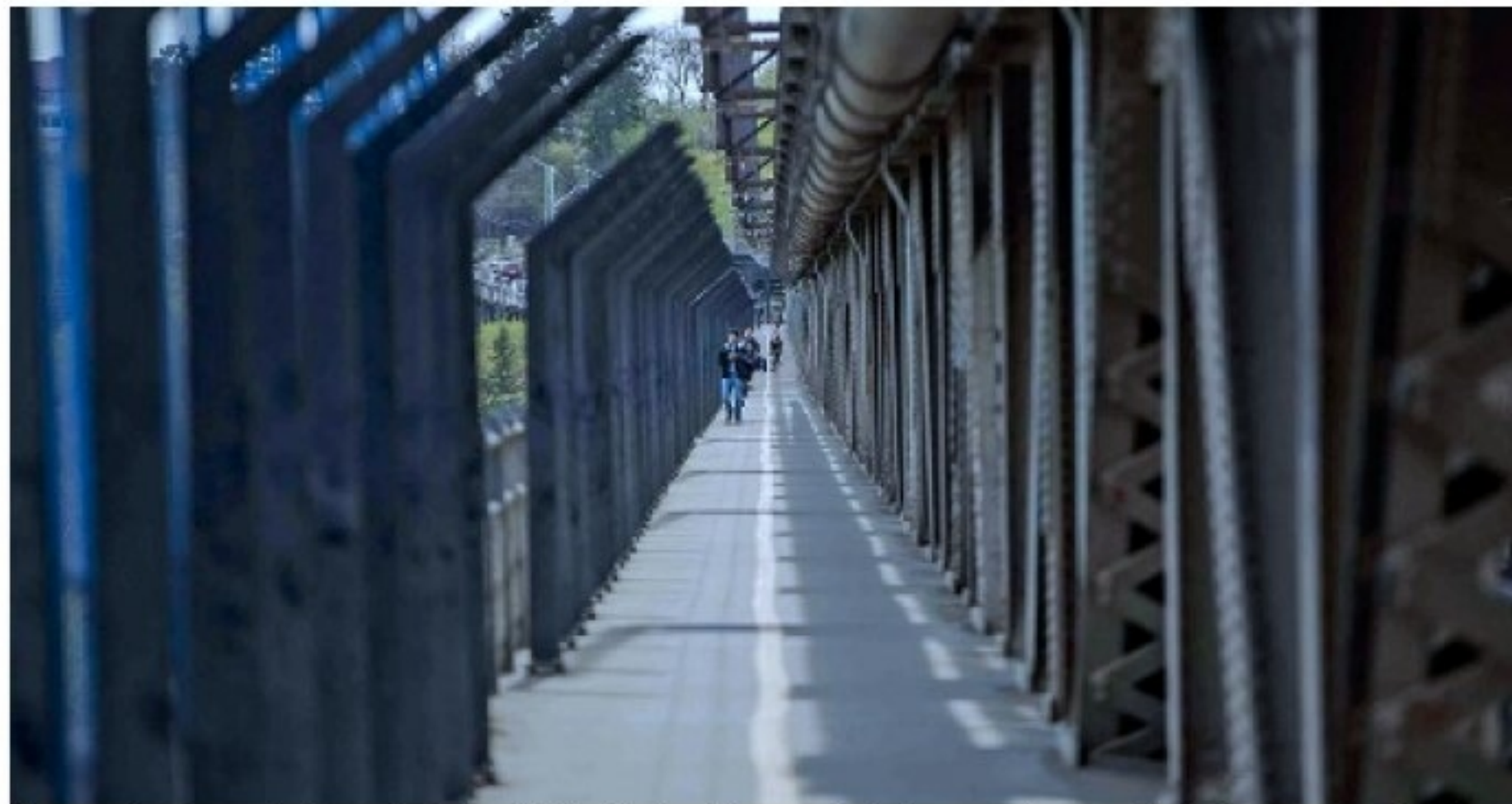
But the posts have been placed inside the existing railing, which has reduced the space on the sidewalk used by pedestrians and cyclists.

Jim Johansson, who uses the bridge a few times a week, said cycling across — the east side especially — now feels unsafe.

"It has always felt a little bit tight on that side, but with these new barriers it felt almost dangerously tight," he said.

Allan Bartman, who is overseeing the project with the city, said the posts definitely reduce space on the bridge, bringing it down to 2.8 metres on the east side and 2.3 metres on the west side.

"I have actually directly been involved in suicide prevention, so I am all for these kinds of barriers."
Jim Johansson



The posts for the new barrier are being installed inside the railing. Installation is expected to complete in late June or early July. Both sides are expected to be open over the weekend, but the east-side sidewalk will close on Monday. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

But Bartman said the while the bridge is feeling congested now, he believes the bridge has been reduced to one sidewalk during installation, exacerbating the problem.

"We are anticipating that the

feeling of congestion will get better (when the other side of the bridge pathway opens) because you will have the two sidewalks to spread out the people," he said.

Johansson said he fully supports the barriers, but believes the city didn't think through the installation.

"I work in mental health and I have actually directly been involved in suicide prevention, so I am all for these kinds of

barriers," he said. "I just don't know why the barriers couldn't just replace the existing fence."

Bartman said the city looked at putting the posts on the outside of the existing railing, but it would have taken considerably longer to design.

"The issue with putting posts on the outside is there would have been a much more complicated design that would have taken more time to get done," he said.

He added it likely would not have fit within the project's budget.

"It would have been significantly more expensive because you would have had to add additional structure to support those posts on the outside," he said.

Bartman said the city is looking at signage changes and other tweaks they might be able to do after the installation work is complete that could make the bridge feel less congested.

+ APPROVAL

Safety barriers a long time coming

City council green-lit the installation of suicide-prevention barriers on the High Level Bridge after hearing pleas from family members who had lost loved ones on the bridge.

Councillors agreed to fund the installation in 2014, but the idea had been under review since 2013, when former Mayor Stephen Mandel first asked administration to study options.

While reviewing three possible options for securing the bridge, councillors heard from family members who wanted the barrier to give anyone else contemplating suicide a moment of pause.

Voting to approve it in 2014, Coun. Michael Oshry said it was about making sure people were safe.

"This is our infrastructure that we inherited from over 100 years ago and the city has a responsibility to make sure our infrastructure is safe," he said. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Officials racing to crack down on opioid

Health Canada says it is moving quickly to include the dangerous synthetic opioid W-18 under the federal Controlled Drug and Substances Act but maintains the drug is already illegal under another law.

The department says it considers W-18, which police say is 100 times more powerful and toxic than fentanyl, to be a new psychoactive substance after testing two samples from Alberta.

The Alberta government has been urging Ottawa to take action after police in Edmonton seized four kilograms of W-18 in December.

Police have said there was enough of the white powdery drug to make millions of pills and Alberta officials sent out a warning to front-line health staff to watch for a possible increase in overdoses.

There were 272 fentanyl-related deaths in Alberta last year and health officials in the province consider W-18 to be more dangerous.

Health Canada says it is moving to treat W-18 as a Schedule 1 drug, which would make its unauthorized use illegal under the Act. In the meantime, Health Canada said W-18 is not an authorized drug for human consumption under the Food and Drugs Act, "and as such its sale and distribution is illegal in Canada."

Alberta Justice Minister Kathleen Ganley said police and health officials are worried about W-18 because criminals can mix it with other drugs.

She said it is important for governments and police to get ahead of this drug before it becomes more widely distributed.

"Very small amounts of the substance can kill you," Ganley said Thursday.

THE CANADIAN PRESS



The South Park lands are expected to be the site of a large redevelopment including several large towers. METRO FILE

Mezzo just tip of iceberg: Residents

COMMUNITY

Neighbours concerned about next big development



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Residents in Old Strathcona are concerned council's approval of the Mezzo tower this week all but ensures the approval of a much bigger redevelopment proposed right next door.

WAM developments is proposing to redevelop the South Park lands, where a former car dealership currently sits, between 81 and Whyte Avenue, east of 106 Street.

Simom O'Byrne, a vice-president with Stantec — who consulted on the Mezzo and is working on the South Park plan — said the company plans to have a row of townhouses along 81 Avenue and retail and commercial space along Whyte.

But above the townhomes would be two or possibly more towers.

O'Byrne said Stantec is still listening to feedback as it re-

fines the design.

"It's still evolving and changing in response to what we are hearing from the community, the Edmonton design committee and the planning department," he said.

O'Byrne said the plan is with the city now, but they are still aiming to refine it.

The site would be right next door to the Mezzo, which council approved this week over community objections as a 16-storey tower, with a four floor podium at the base.

Shirley Lowe, the city's former historian laureate, who spoke out against the Mezzo,

said she believes the next development is all but approved.

"This was the one that kicked the door open," she said.

"I don't see that they are going to have much of a problem with city council, frankly."

Lowe said the South Park development will be enormous, but she doesn't see it being stopped.

"Everybody has bought into the religion of the highrise," she said.

"I don't think for five minutes that anything I or anyone else has to say about this is going to make the least bit of difference."

BUSINESS

Night market imbroglio



Tim Querengesser
Metro | Edmonton

The proponent of what was to be Edmonton's first night market says he's searching for alternative locations after his application was turned down by the city — as vendors have started organizing to get their deposits back.

Arjun Gill told Metro as recently as March that he was working to gain permits to use the land next to the Canadian Pacific Railway Tracks on Gateway Boulevard to host the market.

He said it would feature hundreds of food vendors, a beer garden and an open-air auditorium.

Harry Luke, senior planner of commercial development approvals with the city, confirmed Thursday that Gill's application was turned down three weeks ago and the city has lost contact with him.

Over the past week, Metro has been approached by several people who say they paid Gill deposits for stalls in the market, to open May 20 and close Sept. 5.

An employee of Gill's Night Market company, who asked to not be named, sent Metro a list of 26 vendors who, she said, paid deposits for stalls but have not received refunds. The employee has lost contact with Gill as well.

Contacted Thursday, Mr. Gill did not deny people are owed money.

"We are going to refund everybody's money back as soon as possible," he said.

But in the interim, he said he's looking at alternative locations, like Bonnie Doon Shopping Centre. He said if those work out he hopes to continue with the market, but if not, money will be returned.

"If we're not going ahead with it, I have no right to hold anybody's money back."

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Chief economist urges caution on renewables

ENVIRONMENT

Green energy advocates say province should act now



Renewable energy advocates say now is the time to move on green jobs, while Edmonton's chief economist recently said Alberta should be careful about shifting its energy sources.

John Rose told a meeting of the Economics Society of North-

ern Alberta Wednesday that Alberta is late to the game and investing in renewables is risky business.

"Be very cautious," Rose added Thursday, speaking to Metro. "Because there are significant risks, and you don't need to look too far to find jurisdictions like Ontario where this has proved to be very problematic."

Rose supports the forthcoming carbon tax and has no qualms with Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan, but said Ontario's push for renewable energy has been troubled — leading to higher prices and lower job creation than anticipated.

He said he worries Alberta could run into the same problems.

But Canadian Wind Energy Association president Robert Hornung said Ontario's experience does not necessarily apply in Alberta, and said the bulk of Ontario's electricity price hikes had nothing to do with renewable energy.

"Ontario had to make significant investments in their electricity infrastructure ... and Ontario has built a heck of a lot of other forms of generation, too," he said, citing natural gas and the refurbishment of nuclear power facilities.

Ontario was also procuring renewables and wind energy through a feed-in tariff system, whereas Alberta has been clear it will use a competitive, market-based process.

Hornung said wind energy costs have decreased more than 60 per cent in the last five years.

Greenpeace and several other organizations will release a report Friday that suggests Alberta investing in renewable energy, energy efficiency, sustainable transportation has "tremendous" job potential.

"The fact that Alberta is not first out of the gate on this actually provides us with some advantages, because we can learn from where other jurisdictions have made mistakes," said Greenpeace spokesperson Mike Hudema.

"In doing that, we can put tens of thousands of Albertans back to work. And right now that's something that is sorely needed in the province."

LAW AND ORDER

Alberta to spend \$2.6M on police unit

The head of Alberta's police unit that targets organized and serious crimes is praising the government's decision to increase its budget by \$2.6 million.

RCMP Superintendent Charmaine Bulger says the increase will mean Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams will not face layoffs this year.

The unit known as ALERT includes RCMP, Alberta Sheriffs and members of the Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat police services.

Justice Minister Kathleen Ganley says the budget increase

is warranted when the province is facing gang violence, organized crime and dangerous drugs such as fentanyl.

Ganley says the ALERT program was facing cuts due to reduced federal support by the previous Conservative government.

She says the extra provincial money will fill the gap while the Liberal government considers a new funding request from Alberta.

"ALERT's work is essential to keeping Albertans safe," Ganley said Thursday. "We felt it was

critical to step up."

Bulger, chief executive officer of ALERT, said the teams are dealing with complex cases involving a growing number of criminal networks around the province.

The investigations also include firearms trafficking and Internet child exploitation.

Bulger said the additional money will help maintain these operations over the coming year.

"The budget is definitely encouraging news," Bulger said.

"There is a lot for police to

work on."

The government also announced some changes to a program that targets properties that are regularly used for illegal activities such as drugs, gangs and prostitution.

Sheriffs in the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods program will now work directly for Alberta's Justice Department.

Ganley said the change will ensure that the ALERT unit focuses on disrupting higher level criminal networks.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alberta labs can't detect killer drug

TOXICOLOGY

Officials sound alarm after W-18 seizure

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Despite having the latest and greatest tech, the newest killer drug — W-18 — is so potent that provincial labs can't detect it, according to an Alberta toxicologist.

Health and police officials have sounded alarms over the W-18 — said to be 100 times more toxic than fentanyl — after Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams confirmed on Tuesday they seized the legal drug in December.

Dr. Penny Colbourne, clinical toxicologist at the University of Alberta hospital, said major labs in Edmonton and Calgary virtually can't test for W-18 because concentrations are so low, as very little of the drug can kill a person.

"Even though we have that standard in our library — and if we saw it, we could match it — the problem is that the concentrations in urine get so, so low that practically you can't see (W-18)," she said.

Another reason for it to be essentially undetectable is that standards for W-18 metabolites — or break down products that attack the drug when it's in someone's system — don't exist, Colbourne said.

"There hasn't been any real, good human study done on the fate of W-18 in the body," she said. "We can understand why because nobody is going to sign up for a study that can potentially kill them."

And although W-18 won't likely be detected in labs, Colbourne emphasized doctors in emergency rooms will still treat suspected W-18 overdoses like any opioid overdose.

"If you present to emergency and you're having trouble, your treatment is not going to be affected by whether or not we can test for the drug."

POLITICS

NDP may support ban on pill presses

Alberta's justice minister says she will likely support a Tory private member's bill that hopes to put a dent in the illegal drug trade by restricting ownership on pill-pressing machines.

The bill, presented by Progressive Conservative Mike Ellis, requires people to have a license to own a pill machine. If caught without a license to own, the violator would face a \$50,000 fine or up to six months jail time.

Though she expressed support, Minister Kathleen Ganley said it would be more effective if the federal government made owning pill presses a criminal offence nationwide.

She said the Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police has asked the NDP to go to the federal government for criminal sanctions against illegal pill pressing.

"I think having an extra tool wouldn't necessarily be bad," she said. "But what we don't want is for that to take pressure off the federal government to act because we think that we need a country wide sanction."

Ellis, Justice Critic for the Progressive Conservatives, was unavailable to comment by press time.

Ganley said federal criminal sanctions would be far more effective than a \$50,000 fine.

"We will be supportive," she said. "We still think that ultimately we need those higher sanctions



Kathleen Ganley CONTRIBUTED

from the federal government. What we don't want is for that to send a message to the federal government that we think we've solved the problem."

On Wednesday, Ellis championed the bill for being the first of its kind in Canada.

"Like any good investigator I did my research, and I discovered that there was one common thread when any drug bust was occurring, and the pill press was it," he said.

"So if we can (make) an impact in the distribution and manufacturing of this drug, then we're doing a good thing, we're saving lives."

Alberta College of Pharmacists President Rick Hackman said he supports the bill, which would amend the Pharmacy and Drug Act. JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

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Prep Time: 15 minutes | Cook Time: 10 minutes | Makes 4 to 6 Servings

Ingredients

- 1 (340g) package Catelli Smart Veggie macaroni
- 1 cup (250 mL) frozen peas, cooked
- ½ cup (125 mL) extra virgin olive oil
- 5 tbsp (75 mL) fresh lemon juice
- zest from one lemon
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp (5 mL) honey
- 1 tsp (5mL) kosher salt
- 1 (296 mL) jar Mezzetta roasted bell peppers, drained and sliced
- ½ bulb fennel, thinly sliced
- 1 (540 mL) can Western Family chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup (250 mL) Western Family Organics Basil
- 1 cup (250 mL) soft goat cheese, crumbled
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Cook macaroni according to package instructions. In the last 2 minutes of cooking toss in frozen peas and drain when cooked.
2. While macaroni is cooking, in a large bowl, whisk together olive oil, lemon juice, zest, garlic, honey and salt.
3. Add sliced peppers and fennel to dressing along with chickpeas and fresh basil.
4. Once the pasta and peas are cooked and drained, toss into a bowl with the dressing. Stir well and add goat cheese on top. Season to taste with salt and freshly ground pepper. Serve at room temperature or chilled.

Tip: To bump up the protein, serve this as a side with cooked prawns or chicken.

save on foods

ATHLETICS

Bodychecks nixed for youth hockey

Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

Hockey Edmonton is taking bodychecks out of the game for players in many levels of Bantam and Midget competition. Hockey Edmonton is taking bodychecks out of the game for players in many levels of Bantam and Midget competition.

The organization, which runs all minor hockey in Edmonton, made the call at a meeting last week and will start enforcing the change next season.

Hockey Edmonton Executive Director Dean Hengel said there is a "significant amount of research" that speaks to the connection between early bodychecking and injuries.

"The bottom line is that it's incumbent on an association to provide a safe environment, or the safest environment that they can, for their participants," he said, citing research from the Injury Prevention Centre.

Players up to age 17 will no longer be allowed to bodycheck, while higher-tiered teams in Bantam and Midget that compete in

provincial and regional championships will keep checking.

Hengel acknowledged the move could also help boost enrolment, noting "safety or the perception of safety" is an important factor in getting kids to play.

Connor Raesler, an Edmonton parent who has two teenage sons in hockey, says the move will only make the game more dangerous for players who are introduced to checking at an older age.

"Myself and a number of coaches and past players feel that it's best to introduce checking at the earliest age possible, similar to lacrosse and so on. Teach them the proper techniques at a younger age," he said. "They've given it to these kids for a couple of years, now they've taken it out. That's dangerous."

Vimy Ridge Hockey Academy campus director Nathan Dempsey, however, said the pros outweigh the cons.

"I think it's probably something that should have been done before," he said. "I think this will allow more people to stay in the game."

"(It's) incumbent on an association to provide a safe environment."

Dean Hengel

LANDSCAPING

City may bring in goats

You've got to be kid-ding me! Well, we're not.

The City of Calgary is in talks with a shepherd and her professional dogs to bring a small herd – about 100 goats – to a park and put them to work. The grazers will be targeting the Canada thistle and other weeds as a green alternative to herbicides in Confluence Park.

"It's not that uncommon anymore, grazing is being used more and more frequently in urban areas and in general just as a way to manage landscapes," said Chris Manderson, Urban Conservation lead for Calgary Parks.

The shepherd will introduce the flock in the next couple of months and collect data on their work. HELEN PIKE/ FOR METRO



Michael Calce, formerly known as Mafiaboy, was arrested at 15 for successfully infiltrating websites like CNN and Amazon.

KEVIN TUONG/ FOR METRO

Hack me if you can

CONSULTING

Reformed teen hacker now consults in cyber security

Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

The former hacker known as Mafiaboy, who made headlines in 2000 when he was arrested at 15 for breaking into websites like CNN and Amazon, was in Edmonton Thursday with some tough love for Albertans about cyber security.

"My objective and mission was to basically scare the crap out of everybody, and I believe I

succeeded in doing so," he said, now known by his real name, Michael Calce.

In town for the Automation Expo and Conference, the now 31-year-old cyber security consultant said the online world is less secure than when he was a teenage hacker.

Back then, know-how wasn't readily available, so hackers did their own coding and learned from tight knit communities that didn't let newcomers in very often, he said.

"Now, you have these tools on a mass scale," Calce said. "If you're a kid and you just Google the right software you can become a hacker very easily, and that's really scary. If I have kids I'm going to be monitoring them very, very closely."

He said most people don't think of themselves as targets,

but anything that goes online—from banking information to personal data—is vulnerable.

He pointed to technology like free wifi networks and Bluetooth that make data more accessible, and says he believes it's only a matter of time before there's a massive breach of the cloud. He adds that people need to be careful with all new digital technologies.

"Be vigilant, research it a little," he said. "People are obsessed with social media and Instagram, but they're not thinking, I spend all this time on a computer or on a smartphone,

why not actually research how to better protect myself?"

It's knowledge earned the hard way. Calce was sentenced to eight months in a youth detention centre for the damage—estimated to be worth as much as \$1.7 billion—his attacks caused.

"I was 15 and drunk on power, I knew what I was doing from a technical perspective, but the ethical ramifications, not really," he said.

"I regret it because it was something bad, but I don't regret that what I did raised so much awareness in this industry, that to me is invaluable."

"If you're a kid and you just Google the right software you can become a hacker very easily, and that's really scary. Michael Calce"

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Premier rethinking stance on pipeline

NORTHERN GATEWAY

Potential deal could see swap of oil for B.C.'s electricity

Alberta Premier Rachel Notley is rethinking her stance on the Northern Gateway pipeline as her government and British Columbia work on a deal that could see a pipeline to the West Coast swapped for the purchase of electricity.

Notley's spokeswoman Cheryl Oates said Thursday that talks are ongoing.

"B.C. is really looking to export their hydroelectricity," said Oates. "Alberta does not have a market for B.C.'s hydroelectricity unless we get our product to tidewater. So there's a common understanding there."

Notley has been cool to the idea of the \$6.5-billion Enbridge's Northern Gateway pipeline,



Alberta Premier Rachel Notley. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

which would take Alberta crude more than 1,000 kilometres to a marine terminal in Kitimat, B.C.

The line faces multiple regulatory hurdles and concerns about the port location, along with opposition from environmentalists and First Nations groups.

Oates said Notley was skeptical those hurdles could be overcome, but says the premier now sees

progress.

"People have been working behind the scenes on some of those issues," said Oates.

"We've met with those people. We've heard from those people. They are sounding optimistic so we will continue to work with them, but in the end it's up to the company to make their pitch for the project."

B.C. Environment Minister Mary Polak said in a statement the hydroelectricity export could be particularly beneficial to Alberta, which plans to eliminate all coal-fired electricity by 2030.

"B.C. may be able to support Alberta's planned closures of coal-fired generating plants by exporting clean electricity," said Polak. "That proposal is one that staff are exploring and discussing in both provinces."

But Polak said B.C. stands firm on the conditions it has on any new pipeline moving bitumen to the coast.

"When we established those conditions we knew we set the bar high, however, these are conditions that are achievable if the will is there, especially from senior governments and industry," said Polak.

Notley has been pushing hard for a new pipeline to get Alberta's oil to markets overseas so that its price is no longer tied to a sole customer, the United States.

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VALLEY LINE LRT

Protest planned to save footbridge



Samantha Power
For Metro | Edmonton

Construction on the Valley Line LRT begins Friday and advocates still hoping to save the Cloverdale footbridge are set to protest.

The new LRT line will connect downtown to Mill Woods and Lewis Farms, but it heads on a path through the river valley and will remove downtown's current only non-vehicle river crossing.

The first shovel of dirt will be removed Friday what will be a four-year-long construction process.

The footbridge will be torn down over that period, something the Save the Footbridge group has worked for three years to prevent.

"This area currently works perfectly," said Kristine Kow-

alchuk, spokesperson for the group. "The bridge's tranquility and access to nature right in the heart of the city attracts people."

The Save the Footbridge group has worked to get the route changed. It has gathered 1,843 signatures in three petition drives asking the city to reconsider how the LRT line crosses the river.

Regardless, the line is a go.

But Kowalchuk said it's still not too late. In the 1960s and '70s, a plan for a freeway through MacKinnon Park had been underway for a decade. Construction had started, but at the last minute city council stopped construction to save the park, she said.

"It is important to remember our river valley parks did not happen by accident," said Kowalchuk. "Since the beginning of the city's history, people have fought to preserve them."



The bridge's tranquility and access to nature right in the heart of the city attracts people.

Kristine Kowalchuk

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Marlene Rong is one of the main organizers of the event, #YEGbyYouth. SUPPLIED/CONNOR MCCrackEN

Youth can be the change in this city

EMPOWERMENT

Initiative aims to get young Edmontonians more engaged



Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

Whether it's sports, music or mental health advocacy, the Edmonton Youth Council wants young people to play a bigger role in shaping Edmonton.

This Sunday at City Hall, they're launching #YEGbyYouth, a new initiative to get younger Edmontonians to step up and speak out.

"It's the broad idea of encouraging Edmonton youth to do better things for the community and to participate and engage themselves," said Marlene Rong, one of the event organizers and an appointed member of the council.

The free kickoff event will feature speakers, like doctor and aspiring astronaut Shawna Pandya, and first youth poet laureate Charlotte Cranston, plus opportunities to connect with youth organizations.

But Rong said this is just the beginning.

The group has recently created a Facebook page where they're sharing stories of young people who are getting involved in the community in interesting ways, which Rong hopes will become an online community for youth to share experiences.

So far the people featured have shared everything from their perspective with dealing with mental health issues, stories of immigrating and adapting to the Edmonton community, and young people who have embraced great local causes.

Rong said that youth are often at the forefront of social change, and tend to be more interested in progressive causes — and these are helpful perspectives in a city like Edmonton, that's changing rapidly.

She added that older adults often don't think youth are capable of contributing, and when they do try to engage youth, focus on a narrow definition of participation, like government or giving recommendations to the school board.

What's more, youth themselves don't always realize their voice is valuable, she said.

"Through sharing those stories we really want to highlight to young people that the youth voice is really strong and vibrant, but also that there's no limit to what involvement is."

The youth voice is really strong and vibrant, but also ... there's no limit to what involvement is.

Marlene Rong

INFRASTRUCTURE

Rabbit Hill twinning pegged at \$4.5M



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Twinning lanes on Rabbit Hill Road could cost an estimated \$4.5 million according to a new report, which, despite the relatively low cost, still recommends against the move.

Council asked its administration to look at twinning the section during budget discussions last fall. The section between Anthony Henday and

MacTaggart Drive is currently one lane in each direction and sees more than 20,000 vehicles on it per day.

The city normally aims to twin a road when its load exceeds 20,000 vehicles daily.

Rob Gibbard, director of facility and capital planning, said the estimate is relatively low in part because much of the work is done.

"The road right of way was cleared and levelled and graded when the first half of the road was built," he said. "It should

be pretty straightforward."

Administration is recommending against funding the project, because there is a lack of funds and doing so would require taking money away from projects the city is already committed to.

Gibbard said the \$4.5 million number is still a high-level estimate and could swing, but he doesn't expect a big change because the land is cleared.

"We have the land and it's really just a matter of building half a road," he said.

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EVENTS

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FRIDAY

Puppy Pop-In

The Edmonton Humane Society is hosting a pop-in at its canine enrichment centre where puppies aged two to six months can meet each other, as well as other humans, to help establish good habits through positive interactions.

Skilled trainers will work with puppies and their owners.

The pop-in starts at 6:15 p.m. and owners must register in advance through edmontonhumaneociety.com.

The centre is located at 13620 163 Street.

Wine and Wild Women Wordsmiths

The Edmonton Poetry Festival will match four poets' personalities to wines for a classy, spirited performance event at Latitude 53 featuring Cat Kidd, Kayla Czaga, Katherena Vermette and Lise Gaboury-Diallo.

The event runs 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. at 10242 106 Street.

Tickets are \$25.

SATURDAY

West Side Story

The classic musical love story set in the midst of a turf war between rival street gangs will debut at the Citadel's MacLab Theatre Saturday, bringing iconic songs like Maria and I Feel Pretty to the stage.

Showings start at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and tickets are available through citadeltheatre.com.

The theatre is located at

9828 101A Avenue.

Ticket prices vary widely.

The Culinary Arts Cook Off

The cook off at Mount Royal Elementary school will celebrate food, arts and the community while raising proceeds for the city's arts programming. Chefs from nine local restaurants will create unique dishes to be sold by the taste — similar to A Taste of Edmonton — and the winner will qualify for the Canadian Food Championships.

Doors open at 11 a.m. at 11303 - 55 Street.

Food bank donations will be accepted.

The Great Cloth Diaper Exchange

The Sweet Mama is taking part in an international world record attempt to change the most cloth diapers simultaneously, to show parents how many people are using reusable diapers successfully.

Register at 10 a.m. at the Alberta Aviation Museum Association at 11410 Kingsway Avenue.

SUNDAY

#YEGbyYouth launch party

The City of Edmonton Youth Council's #YEGbyYouth event will connect young people with prominent speakers and performers to foster greater youth engagement in Edmonton.

Tickets are available through eventbrite.ca but no one will be turned away at the door.

The party will take place at City Hall from noon to 2 p.m.

Food will be provided by Famoso.



Good Women Dance Collective will share its ideas with anyone who is interested during its What's Cooking? event Sunday at PCL studio theatre. CONTRIBUTED

Dance group seeks live feedback on art

CULTURE

Event connects live performers with audience members



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

A local dance group is pulling the artistic process out of isolation and into the public eye this weekend.

Good Women Dance Collective will share its ideas with anyone who is interested at its What's Cooking? event on Sunday. Artists of various disciplines will show

their unfinished works at PCL studio theatre in front of live audience members, who will question and critique the work.

"The artist can ask the audience questions — like what did you see, did you understand this, did you like this, what would you do more of? After that, the audience can ask some questions back — like I didn't understand this, or why was this important to you?" explained collective member Ainsley Hillyard.

Works that will be previewed this weekend include Kari Larson's dance piece Asking the Internet — an examination of technology's invasion into our lives that is being prepped for the 2016

"I think that the general public can be really curious."

Ainsley Hillyard

Fringe Season — and Pick Me Up, a performance piece choreographed by Vincent Forcier that aims to embody the physical manifestation of depression.

Some works will be freshly hatched ideas, and others near completion.

"I think that the general public can be really curious about art, and also really critical in a good way. So I think, for them, it lets them

see how the artistic process works and also be able to express their feelings about what they're seeing in a live feedback situation, which is really cool," Hillyard said.

"It's pretty low-key, it's very casual, it's not a very formal setting. We have people that come back every year because they really like being able to discourse and engage about the art and what they see."

The inaugural What's Cooking? was the first event produced by Good Women, and this year's edition is the seventh annual.

Sunday's shows will start at 12:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. and will feature a bar, as well as food catered by Remedy Café. Admission is by donation.

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PROVINCIAL POLITICS

Government brings in risk adjustment to protect budget



Ryan Tumilty
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The Alberta government hopes a new risk adjustment it has adopted will help ensure that an unexpected drop in oil prices doesn't again leave the province with a major budget hole.

Finance Minister Joe Ceci included the risk adjustment in his budget last week.

It's set at \$700 million, and will rise in the 2017-18 budget to \$1.5 billion and \$2 billion in 2018-19.

The money is meant to cover the possibility of the average price of oil coming in at a level \$10 per barrel lower than the government's estimated price.

"We hope and want to see oil recover, but we can't base



Finance Minister Joe Ceci introduces his budget as Rachel Notley applauds. THE CANADIAN PRESS

our budget on hope alone," said Ceci.

"Ontario, B.C. and the federal government all have risk adjustments built into their budget, (and) we thought it was the prudent thing to do."

The government's oil price

"We thought it was the prudent thing to do."

Finance minister Joe Ceci

estimate for the year ahead is established at \$42 per barrel, rising to \$54 in 2017-18 and \$64 in 2018-19.

Ceci said he has confidence in the forecasts the government used to develop the budget, but the past year

has shown they can be wrong, as oil is such a volatile commodity.

"If the cushion is required because oil prices are significantly lower than forecast than, like I said, Albertans are protected."

University of Calgary assistant economics professor Trevor Tombe said the government is right to make the adjustment call.

"It's new in Alberta, but it's not new for other levels and it's pretty sensible," Tombe said.

"It's transparent and I would say the magnitudes are also quite reasonable."

Tombe said the risk-adjusted price is in line with future contracts for oil, which is the price people are actually paying today for oil in the future.

He said the government might have to use its risk adjustment fund, because the private sector forecasts might be too rosy.

"It's beyond me why the private sector forecasts are still pretty optimistic about the price of oil."

FIRE VICTIM

Unique ring may ID man

Edmonton police hope a unique ring can help them identify a man who died in a fire earlier in the week.

On Tuesday morning a male body was found within a burnt-out rental suite in Westmount, near 106 Avenue and 122 Street.



The medical examiner concluded the man had died from a gunshot wound. But police still don't know his identity and haven't been able to notify next of kin.

The large metal ring he was wearing has stones set into the top in a unique grid pattern. In addition, he was wearing True Religion jeans, a black leather jacket, Nike running shoes and a watch.

Police also note he was over five-foot-eight, white, and his build was "medium to large."

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Alberta sets out royalty details

OIL

New rules apply to wells drilled in 2017, reward efficiency

The Alberta government has released details of its new royalty regime, which says bring clarity and certainty to conventional oil and gas drilling.

The province has simplified the system with a single structure for crude oil, gas and liquids that takes into account the growth of unconventional wells that use horizontal drilling and fracking.

Under the new regime, companies will pay a five per cent flat rate royalty until costs are recovered, after which royalty rates will range between five and 40 per cent depending on energy prices.

Total costs of the vertical and horizontal drilling will be tracked on a cost allowance



A new royalty regime has been welcomed by the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, but the group said more work needs to be done to help industry. BLOOMBERG

index that rewards producers who are efficient.

The Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers welcomed the modernized royalty regime but said more work needs to be done to help industry, especially on pipeline access.

The new royalty regime,

which closely follows recommendations of the province's royalty review advisory panel, will apply to wells drilled starting in 2017.

Wells drilled before then will stay under the current system until 2027.

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING

RCMP charge 2 men

Two men have been charged with human trafficking involving an 18-year-old Alberta woman.

RCMP say police got a call from a home in Lloydminster, Alta., where they found a woman who alleged she was being held against her will and being forced to have sex.

One man was arrested a short time later, while another man was arrested in Manitoba.

Preston Carpenter, who is 32 and from Edmonton, and 28-year-old Cebien Dieujuste of Montreal are facing several charges, including trafficking in persons, sexual assault, and possession of a controlled substance.

The woman received medical treatment when police picked her up and victim services provided emotional support.

Dieujuste was to appear in court today in St. Paul, Alta., while Carpenter is set to appear on July 6.

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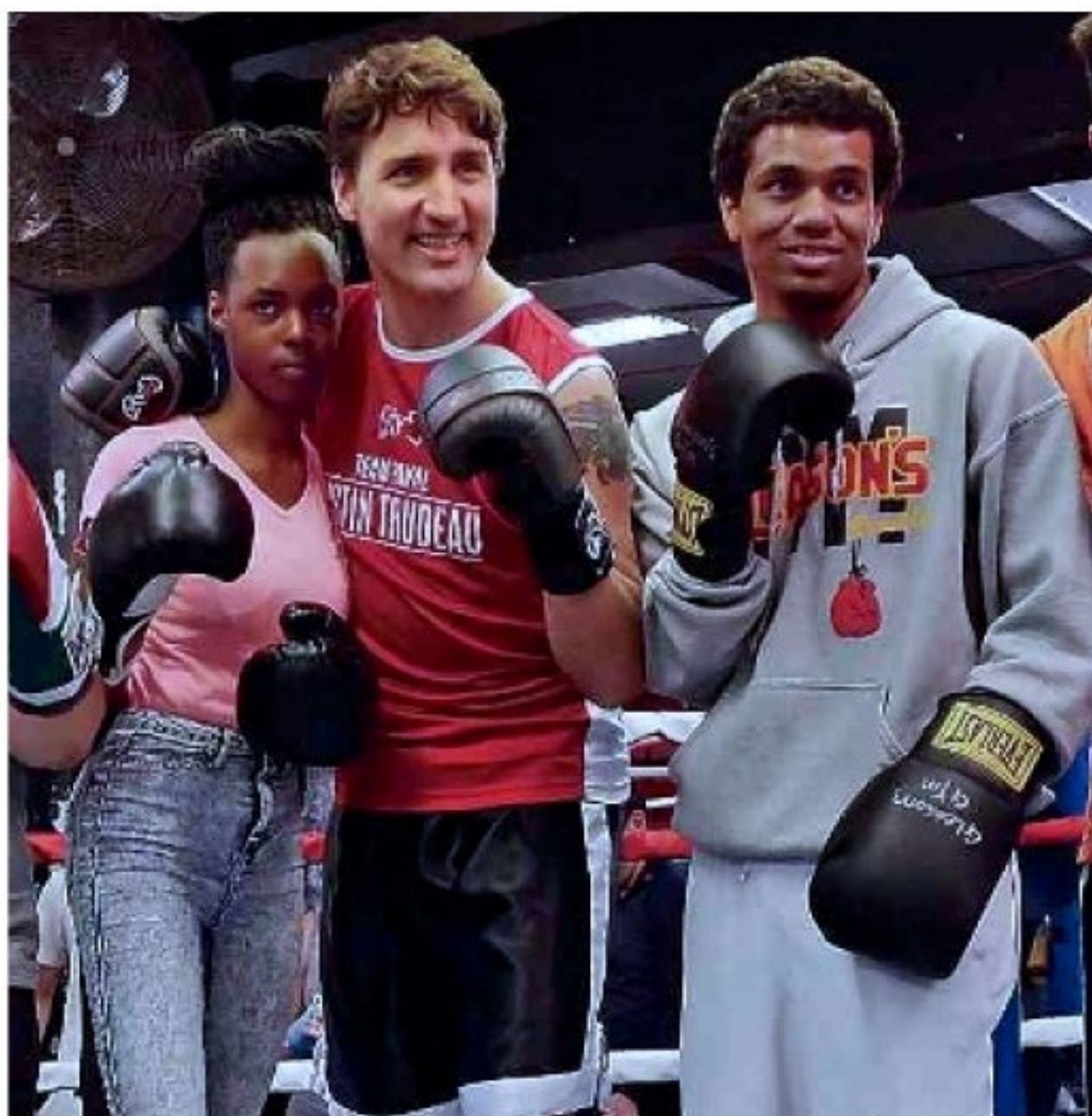


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PM Justin Trudeau was at Gleason's Boxing Gym in Brooklyn, N.Y., on Thursday to train with kids from the Give a Kid a Dream program. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Trudeau punches through questions

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

...and encourages young people to work on political campaigns

Young people need to get more involved in politics, Justin Trudeau told an audience of university students in New York City this morning.

"Young people need to demand more from their politicians, their business leaders, their community leaders," the prime minister told students at New York University.

Strolling among them with his sleeves rolled up and a microphone in his hand, Trudeau said that there's plenty of work for everyone to do to make the world a better place.

Trudeau is in New York City to sign the Paris climate-change agreement on Friday.

His itinerary on Thursday also included a photo-op at the legendary Gleason's Gym,

where boxing champions Muhammad Ali, Jake (Raging Bull) LaMotta and Mike Tyson trained (albeit in the gym's previous locations).

Trudeau acknowledged to the students that Canadians leave a high per capita carbon footprint through the use of energy, and that Canada's relations with its First Nations communities present an enormous challenge.

He said his government is striving to reflect Canadian ideals and values, and that

dealt with the environment.

He defended his support of pipelines to carry oil as safer than rail transport, but said society has to eventually wean itself off reliance on fossil fuels.

He said that it's not necessarily a bad thing if big business gets involved in organic farming, if it's done responsibly.

"We need to be able to scale up food production to feed the world," Trudeau said. "We need to be able to provide food



We need to be able to scale up food production to feed the world.

Justin Trudeau

includes getting more young people interested in the political process.

Trudeau added that young people need to work in political campaigns, and not just as "letter stuffers and sign-putter-uppers."

Most of the question-and-answer session with the students

and sustenance to a hungry planet."

This is the prime minister's fourth trip to the U.S. since last month. He's also been hosted at a White House state dinner, attended a nuclear arms-control summit and attended meetings at the United Nations. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

PUBLISHING

PM named one of Time's most influential people

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has been chosen by Time magazine as one of the 100 most influential people of 2016.

The annual list of leaders, artists, titans, pioneers and so-called icons includes such notable names as Pope Francis, Nicki Minaj and Caitlyn Jenner.

Trudeau is among the 32 people featured in the leader category and is named alongside U.S. presidential candidate Donald Trump, Christine Lagarde of the International Monetary Fund, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and even North Korean leader King

Jong Un.

In a write-up for Time by Saturday Night Live executive producer Lorne Michaels — himself a Canadian — Trudeau is described as talented and disciplined.

"In many ways Canada is no longer the country I grew up in,

but when I hear Justin Trudeau talk, it sounds like my Canada again. Bold, clear as a bell and progressive," writes Michaels, adding that he believes Trudeau will be a force for good.

Explaining how Time picks its influencers, managing editor Nancy Gibbs writes

that each embodies "a breakthrough: they broke the rules, broke the record, broke the silence, broke the boundaries to reveal what we're capable of. They are seekers, with a fearless willingness to be surprised by what they find."

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Justin Trudeau spars at Gleason's Boxing Gym. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Duffy not guilty: Judge

COURT

Harsh words reserved for Crown, PMO

Mike Duffy walked out of an Ottawa court a free man Thursday after a judge cleared him of all charges while at the same time delivering a scathing indictment of the Prince Edward Island senator's former political masters.

Duffy sat almost totally still throughout the four hours Justice Charles Vaillancourt spent dismantling the Crown's argument that the senator had deliberately defrauded the public purse by claiming invalid living and office expenses and had engaged in corrupt behaviour when it came to paying that money back.

Vaillancourt all but wagged his finger in admonishment at the Crown as he repeatedly questioned their decision not to extensively cross-examine Duffy or try to challenge his testimony with witnesses of their own during the 62-day trial.

But the justice's harsh words were aimed at the Prime Minister's Office under Stephen Harper and its conduct regarding a decision by

Harper's former chief of staff, Nigel Wright, to give Duffy \$90,000 to repay his living expenses.

Vaillancourt said he did not see it the same way as the Crown, which had argued Duffy's actions were driven by "deceit, manipulations and carried out in a clandestine manner" when he took the cheque.

"I find that if one were to substitute the PMO, Nigel Wright and others for Senator Duffy in the aforementioned sentence that you would have a more accurate statement," Vaillancourt said.

Vaillancourt said he found Duffy a credible witness and that he was subject to intense pressure from the PMO and its staff, who only had one goal: make the political storm created by Duffy's expense issues go away.

He said the email traffic between Wright, Duffy and other PMO officials exposed a chief of staff ordering senators around like "pawns on a chess board," and saw senators "meekly acquiesce" and then "robotically" march out to repeat their scripted lines.

"The political, covert, relentless, unfolding of events is mind boggling and shocking," Vaillancourt said.

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ATTAWAPISKAT

'Promised a house' in Attawapiskat

The intractable housing crisis plaguing Attawapiskat and many First Nations communities across Canada is brought into sharp focus by Teresa Kataquapit.

Standing in her three-bedroom home, Kataquapit, 75, eyes the broken, loose and stained ceiling tiles; the heaving and cracked linoleum floors; the plastic-covered and boarded-up windows.

"It's very cold," a somewhat embarrassed Kataquapit says

in Cree.

The home to five people has been condemned as unfit. It's one of about 80 homes in this hard-scrabble reserve in need of a bulldozer.

Yet like many other indigenous Canadians living on First Nations, Kataquapit continues to reside in a structure heated by a single woodstove. There is nowhere else for her to go.

"I was promised a house twice by the former chiefs," she says.

"But nothing to date."

Attawapiskat has about 340 homes for its 2,100 residents, an average of seven people in each. Some house as many as 13 people. Coupled with substance abuse, the crowded conditions are fertile for abuse and despair — factors that play directly into the headline-grabbing suicide crisis afflicting the community.

With close to a quarter of existing units condemned, the pressure on the community

is enormous and rising — the population is projected to grow by almost 20 per cent in the coming decade.

What you have, says Wayne Turner, the chief executive officer of the Attawapiskat First Nation, is the very definition of a housing crisis.

"Each and every year, there's new demand," Turner says in his construction-trailer office. "Our ability to provide housing is limited." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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HISTORY

Harriet Tubman to be on U.S. \$20 bill

U.S. paper money is getting a historic makeover. Harriet Tubman, an African-American abolitionist born into slavery, will be the new face on the \$20 bill. The leader of the Underground Railroad is replacing the portrait of Andrew Jackson, the nation's seventh president and a slave owner, who is being pushed to the back of the bill. And Alexander Hamilton, the nation's first Treasury secretary who's enjoying a revival thanks to a hit Broadway play, will keep his spot on the \$10 note after earlier talk of his removal. The changes are part of a currency redesign announced Wednesday by Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew, with the new \$20 marking two historic milestones: Tubman will become the first African-American to ever be featured on U.S. paper

money and the first woman to be depicted on paper currency in 100 years. "This gesture sends a powerful message, because of the tendency in American history, the background of excluding women and marginalizing them as national symbols," said Riche Richardson, associate professor in the Africana Studies and Research Center at Cornell University. "So even the symbolic significance of this cannot be overstated." Lew also settled a backlash that had erupted after he had announced an initial plan to remove Hamilton from the \$10 bill in order to honour a woman on the bill. Instead, the Treasury building on the back of the bill will be changed to commemorate a 1913 march that ended on the steps of the building.

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ENGLAND LONG LIFE AND ENDURING LOVE England's Queen Elizabeth II greets well-wishers during a "walkabout" on her 90th birthday in Windsor, west of London, on Thursday. Thousands lined the streets of the town carrying cakes, cards, balloons and Union Jack flags and Prime Minister David Cameron leading a parliamentary homage. Cameron praised the monarch's "unshakable sense of duty," pointing out that she had provided counsel to 12 British prime ministers and met a quarter of all the U.S. presidents since Independence. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Millionaires tax to pay for rebuild

DISASTER RECOVERY
Ecuador looks at ways to raise cash to repair quake damage

The death count from Ecuador's worst earthquake in a decade rose to at least 577 on Thursday, even as the country was facing another grim toll: a long and costly reconstruction effort likely to cost billions of dollars. President Rafael Correa announced Wednesday that he would raise sales taxes and put a one-time levy on millionaires to help pay for reconstruction. The damage from the

7.8-magnitude quake adds to already heavy economic hardships being felt in this OPEC nation because of the collapse in world oil prices. Rescuers continued to comb through the rubble in coastal towns hit hardest by the quake, but the clock is running down for finding survivors. On Thursday, the mayor of Manta announced that three people had been pulled from beneath a collapsed building. Rescuers also found a more unusual survivor: A flapping white-and-brown duck was pulled from under a pile of rubble, becoming a social media celebrity in a country eager for good news. Using authority granted by the state of emergency he declared after Saturday night's quake, Correa said sales taxes would increase from 12 per cent to 14 per cent for this year. People with more than \$1 million in assets will be charged a one-time tax of 0.9 per cent on their wealth, while workers earning over \$1,000 a month will be forced to contribute a day's wages and those earning \$5,000 a month the equivalent of five days' pay.

0.9%
A one-time wealth tax that people with more than \$1 million US in assets will be charged

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Women and children wait in a line for over an hour on Thursday for free food and water from the government, days after an earthquake in Crucita, Ecuador. RODRIGO ABD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Paris climate deal on track

ENVIRONMENT
Record could be set for international diplomacy

As many as 170 countries are expected to sign the Paris Agreement on climate change Friday in a symbolic triumph for a landmark deal that once seemed unlikely but now appears on track to enter into force years ahead of schedule. UN officials say the signing ceremony Friday will set a record for international diplomacy: Never before have so many countries inked an agreement on the first day of the signing period. That could help pave the way

for the pact to become effective long before the original 2020 deadline — possibly this year, though countries must first formally approve it through their domestic procedures. "We are within striking distance of having the agreement start years earlier than anyone anticipated," said Brian Deese, an adviser to President Barack Obama. The U.S. and China, which together account for nearly 40 per cent of global emissions, have said they intend to formally join the agreement this year. It will enter into force once 55 countries representing at least 55 per cent of global emissions have done so. "There's incredible momentum," said former New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark,

+ EMISSIONS
Under the agreement, countries set their own targets for reducing emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. The targets are not legally binding, but countries must update them every five years.

who heads the UN Development Program. She said her agency is working with more than 140 countries on climate change-related issues, and that financing to make the Paris Agreement a reality is "critical, and let's hope everyone lives up to commitments made." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Demonstrators from Greenpeace paint their faces white to highlight coral bleaching in Sydney on Friday. The group is attempting to raise concerns of climate change when as many as 170 countries are expected to sign the Paris Agreement. RICK RYCROFT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Trump voices opposition to transgender bathroom law

U.S. Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump said Thursday that transgender people should be able to use whichever bathroom they choose, wading into one of the most contentious issues in politics and opposing many in his party. Speaking at a town hall event on NBC's Today show on Thursday, Trump was asked about North Carolina's so-called "bathroom law," which, among other things, requires transgender people to use bathrooms corresponding to the gender on their birth certificate in state government buildings as well as public schools and universities. Trump said the law had caused unnecessary strife for the state, which he said had paid "a big price" economically. "There have been very few

complaints the way it is. People go, they use the bathroom that they feel is appropriate," said Trump. "There has been so little trouble." After the law was signed in late March, Deutsche Bank halted plans to add 250 North Carolina jobs, while PayPal reversed a decision to open a 400-employee operation centre in Charlotte. Local tourism boards have also said they've lost millions of dollars thanks to cancelled conventions and business meetings. Trump's main rival, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, immediately

fired back, saying that Trump is giving in to "political correctness." "Grown adult men, strangers, should not be alone in a bathroom with little girls," Cruz said, calling his view "basic common sense." His campaign also released a statement declaring Trump "no different from politically correct leftist elites." "He has succumbed to the left's agenda, which is to force Americans to leave God out of public life while paying lip service to false tolerance," it read. The comments came as

“There have been very few complaints the way it is. People go, they use the bathroom that they feel is appropriate.”
U.S. presidential candidate Donald Trump

Trump drew closer to clinching the Republican nomination with a big win in his home state of New York earlier this week. Trump said at the town hall that he didn't know if any transgender people work for his organization, but said that some "probably" did. Asked about Caitlyn Jenner, an Olympic gold medal winner then-known as Bruce Jenner, walking into Trump Tower using the bathroom, he said would be fine with her using any bathroom she chooses. Still, Trump said he's opposed to efforts to create new, transgender bathrooms alongside single gendered ones, calling that push "discriminatory in a certain way" and "unbelievably expensive for businesses and the country."



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump GETTY IMAGES

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'I do' comes with big costs

WEDDING

Small things add up and can blow a budget, planner says

Whoever said love doesn't cost a thing wasn't planning a wedding.

Recently-engaged couple Camille Verschooris and Andrew Lounsbury knew tying the knot was expensive, but they didn't realize how pricey it could be until they found out their \$30,000 budget wasn't enough to cut it for the wedding of their dreams.

"The budget got thrown out of the window quickly," said Verschooris, a 24-year-old producer's assistant.

"What we imagined was very

different than what we could afford," added 29-year-old Lounsbury.

The couple was faced with a big decision: Do they scale back or do they bite the bullet? Ultimately — with help from their parents — they decided to splurge on a wedding they would want to attend, complete with a guest photo booth and a \$1,200 espresso bar.

For Verschooris, the greatest sticker shock was not from the big-ticket items like the wedding gown (\$5,000) or the photographer (another \$5,000), but it was how quickly the small expenses added up. Having lights and sound at a wedding and bringing in the linens, china and decorations are considered extra requests.

Wedding planner Rebecca Chan says one of the biggest costs

for a wedding is a venue.

For example, a wedding venue in downtown Toronto can charge between \$150 to \$300 per person, just for the meal.

Chan recommends couples multiply that figure by the number of guests attending and getting a full cost estimate of everything they need for the venue — from chair rentals to speakers — for a more realistic idea of the final bill.

Then add up all the miscellaneous costs like hiring an officiant, coat check and transportation, she said.

"These are not usually the first things you think of when you're planning your wedding," said Chan. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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ENVIRONMENT

Canada gets a 'D' on report card

A new report suggests Canada ranks 14th among 16 peer countries when it comes to environmental performance, with only the United States and Australia doing worse.

The report by the Conference Board of Canada on Thursday gives Canada a "D" grade.

On climate change, the agency says with 20.7 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent per capita, Canada's greenhouse gas emissions are among the highest. However, Canada gets an "A" rating for low-emitting electricity generation.

The Conference Board says while some of poor grades can be explained by a large land mass, cold climate and resource-intensive economy, the results suggest there is a long way to go towards improvement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Parody account sheds light on issue of 'voluntourism'

Rebecca Williams
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Parody accounts on Instagram are nothing new but a new account is shedding light on the problematic issue of "voluntourism."

Much like the now-defunct Sociality Barbie account that poked fun of hipster accounts, "Savior Barbie" mocks Westerners crippled with the "White Saviour Complex" desire to travel and volunteer abroad.

White Savior Barbie's bio sums it up: "It's not about me ... but it kind of is."

Created by two anonymous twenty-something women, both self-professed former "white saviours," the account skewers using humans as living photo ops with ridiculous captions to match.

"The attitude that Africa needs to be saved from itself, by Westerners, can be traced back to colonialism and slav-



"As I was away for what seemed like an eternity, I couldn't help but continue to be convicted by my wasteful tears. I have now begun collecting them, one my (sic) one." INSTAGRAM

ery," the makers of Savior Barbie told the Huffington Post.

Although a lot of the comments on the account, which already has more than 40,000

followers as of Thursday, are positive, the creators said they knew the posts might not sit well with everyone.

"If you're offended by the

account then you'd better be offended by the real accounts who actually display this behavior in all authenticity," they said.

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DECODED Mass Extinction

WERE THE DINOSAURS ALREADY DOOMED?

Any school kid can tell you what did the dinos in: The massive impact of a 10-kilometre-wide space rock near present-day Chicxulub, Mexico, 66 million years ago. But new research suggests all was not well in dino-land long before the asteroid apocalypse hit. **Here's why.**

DINO DECLINE

Biologists at the University of Reading put together dino family trees from the available fossil evidence. Then they used advanced statistics to draw conclusions about how many new species were emerging, and how many were

going extinct. They found that **dinosaurs were starting to decline at least 40 million years before the asteroid hit** — that's when the rate of speciation (formation of new species) fell below the rate of extinction.

ASTEROID ADAPTATION

Why does this matter? Because with fewer species, there's less genetic diversity, and with less diversity, it's harder for a species to adapt to changes — like, say, the impact of an asteroid that tosses enough dust in the air to block the sun and change the weather. Would the dinos still be here if that fateful asteroid never hit? We'll never know.

CONTINENTAL CRACK-UP

The authors guess the separating supercontinents Laurasia and Gondwana may have contributed to the decrease in speciation.

Dinos couldn't migrate around and interbreed as much anymore, and those are factors that help create variety, and, eventually, new species.

FINDINGS

Your week in science



GIANT SPACE BUBBLE

NASA's Hubble telescope has photographed a massive bubble — seven light-years across — being blown into space by a super-hot, extremely heavy star. The Bubble Nebula is 7,100 light-years away, in the constellation Cassiopeia.

ARTIFICIAL MUSCLE

Muscles: Mother Nature's miracle. They stretch by up to 70 per cent and heal themselves. Chemists at Stanford University have made a synthetic muscle that works the same way: Cut it into two stretchy slices, and the cut sides fuse back together perfectly.

SOUND SMART



DEFINITION

An exoplanet is a planet that orbits a star other than our own sun. Nearly 2,000 exoplanets in 1,200 solar systems have been confirmed by NASA.

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CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

I still don't get quantum computing. Help!

I didn't understand Justin Trudeau's spiel on quantum computing. What is a quantum computer exactly?
— Dorothy, Ottawa

You're not alone in your confusion, trust me. Quantum computers are still mostly in the realm of theory. There's no quantum computer remotely close to as functional or easy-to-use as your home computer.

But the potential of quantum computing is really

exciting, because conventional computers are nearly as small as they can physically get.

And super small things (tinier than an atom) and really big things (like a planet), don't appear to follow the physical laws that govern our everyday experience of the world.

In the teeny-tiny quantum sphere, the same object can be in two different states — both "up" and "down" for example — at the same time. And one thing can be in two very differ-

ent places at once, too. (That's quantum entanglement).

Ordinary computing comes down to a long string of bits that are in one of two states, zero or one. But quantum systems can be in many states at once, making it possible to do complex calculations with crazy big numbers regular computers can't handle.

So, Dorothy, there's a reason quantum computing is so baffling. It's not like anything else we experience — at least, not

anything else I can think of. Quantum stuff makes my head spin, and not in a good way.

This goes to show how much science can benefit from integrating concepts and practices from other disciplines, like literature. An exquisite metaphor can give you an "Aha! I get it!" moment better than any academic paper can. Literature people: Get on it!

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Born a rock star

Prince Rogers Nelson created a gender- and genre-bending blend of rock, funk and soul all his own

OBITUARY

The legendary musical chameleon has died at age 57

Prince could play guitar like Carlos Santana or Jimi Hendrix, sing like James Brown, turn out pop melodies worthy of Motown or lay down the deepest grooves this side of Sly and the Family Stone. But no one could mistake his sound for anyone but Prince.

The dazzlingly talented and charismatic singer, songwriter, arranger and instrumentalist who died Thursday at his home drew upon the history of modern popular music and created a gender- and genre-defying blend of rock, funk and soul. With hits including 1999, Purple Rain and Little Red Corvette, Prince's records sold more than 100 million copies and earned him Grammys and an Oscar.

The Minneapolis native stood just 5 feet, 2 inches, yet made a powerful visual impact at the dawn of the MTV era, proving to be the Little Richard for the '80s, from his wispy moustache and tall pompadour to his colorful and suggestive outfits — the counterpart to the openly erotic lyrics that made him one of the most sexually daring artists of

the era.

But his greatest legacy was as a musician, summoning original and compelling sounds at will, whether playing guitar in a flamboyant style that drew on Hendrix, switching his vocals from a nasally scream to an erotic falsetto. Among his other notable releases: Sign O' the Times, and Graffiti Bridge.

"He rewrote the rulebook, forging a synthesis of black funk and white rock that served as a blueprint for cutting-edge music in the Eighties," reads his dedication in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

The 57-year-old superstar passed away Thursday at his home in Minneapolis. The local sheriff said deputies found Prince unresponsive in an elevator late Thursday morning, but that first responders couldn't revive him.

"I am confirming that Prince, the legendary iconic performer, has died at his home this morning at Paisley Park," his publicist, Yvette Noel-Schure, told The Associated Press.

No details about what may have caused his death have been released. Prince postponed a concert in Atlanta on April 7, saying he had fallen ill with the flu, and he apologized to fans during a make-up concert last week. An autopsy is scheduled for Friday.

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Few artists have influenced the sound and trajectory of popular music more distinctly, or touched quite so many people with their talent. President Barack Obama



From left: Prince performs during the halftime show at the Super Bowl in 2007; Prince at the Grammys last year; and the artist performing with Beyonce in 2004. CHRIS O'MEARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; KEVORK DJANSEZIAN/GETTY IMAGES; FRANK MICELOTTA/GETTY IMAGES



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Gender politics in Game of Thrones



Colin McNeil
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When it comes to male nudity, the revolution will be televised.

That is, if you think the recent rash of men stripping to the buff on the small screen is a revolution at all.

Earlier this year, a male full-frontal scene in BBC's *War and Peace* miniseries prompted Twitter to lose its mind and create the hashtag #WarAndPenis.

The same thing happened in March when Tom Hiddleston's bare bum spawned #Hiddlebum.

Add full-frontal man-views from *Outlander* and *Vinyl*, and you can call it a trend.

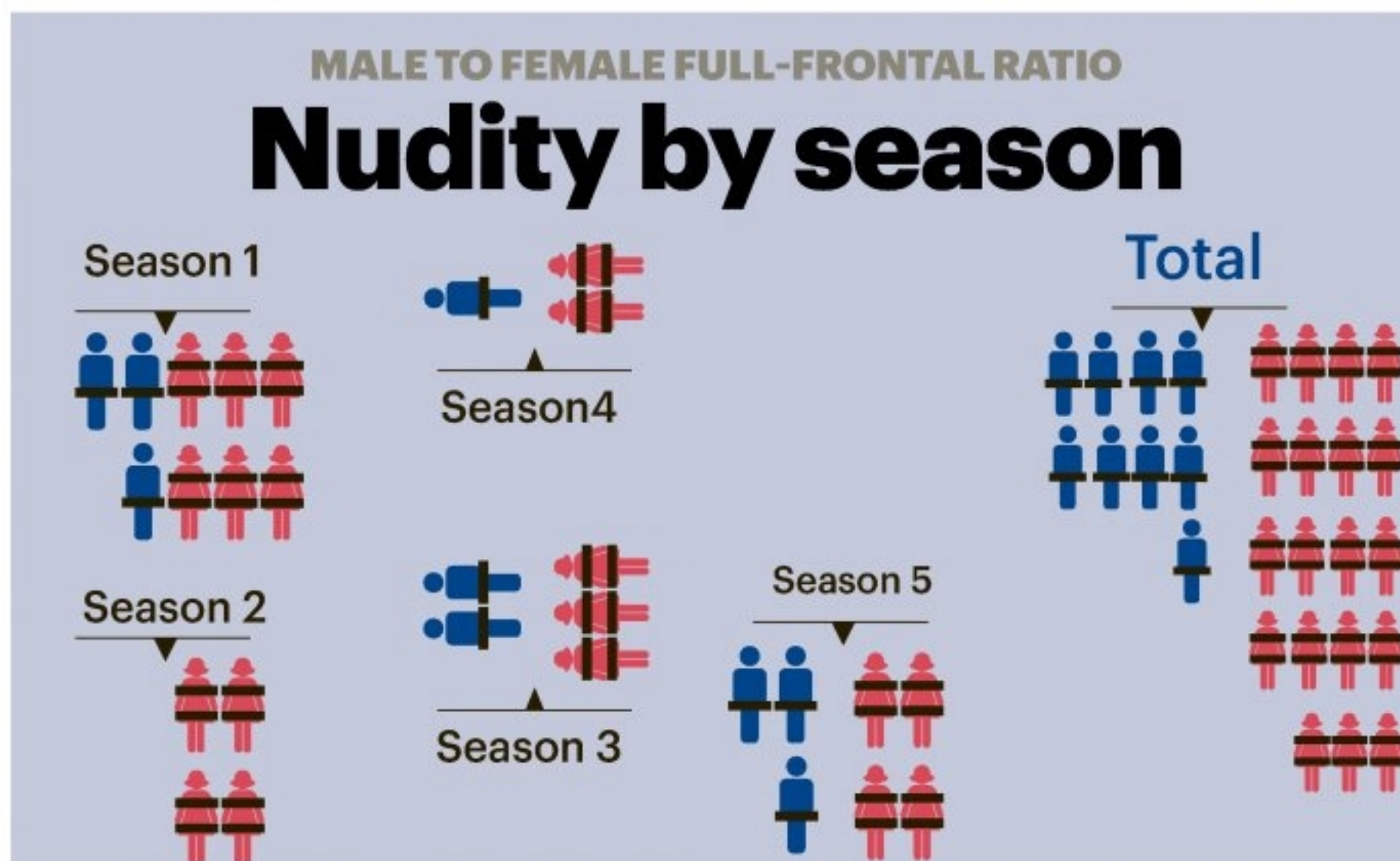
So what about the granddaddy of gratuitous nudity — *Game of Thrones*? We don't know how much or what kind will be thrust upon us in Season 6, which premieres Sunday, but if the previous five are any indication, it'll be heavy on disrobing women and light on exposed manhood.

Last season was particularly unfriendly to women on screen. Christine Evans, University of British Columbia film studies lecturer, says the rape of Sansa and that Cersei Lannister scene (you know the one) were likely the last offensive straw for many viewers.

Though, she notes, fans are likely to keep watching in spite of it all, "partially out of curiosity over what the show's next big regressive move will be."

She says the show "is in

For every instance of full-frontal male nudity in *GoT*, there are on average at least two head-to-toe naked women in seasons one to five. Yes, we counted. But while actress Emilia Clarke calls for the HBO show to "free the penis," experts Metro spoke to say creating a genital gender parity won't actually add up to much.



tenuous territory" when it comes to gender politics.

In a program infamous for baring it all, relatively few swords actually leave the scabbard.

What we mean is, there just

aren't all that many penises in *GoT*. In fact, for every instance of full-frontal male nudity, there are on average at least two head-to-toe naked women in seasons one to five.

Yes, we counted.

While the naked female body is often front and centre in *Game of Thrones*, most of those male moments were but fleeting glances. And, full disclosure, one was actually a baby.

Metro shared the findings of our highly unscientific nudity survey with Evans and University of Toronto Professor of media and education Megan Boler.

They were "not even re-

motely" surprised.

"It doesn't surprise me at all," says Boler. "Popular culture, and really most cultures, have traded in and capitalized on images of naked women since time immemorial."

She talks about the 'male gaze' — the idea that pop culture presumes a heterosexual audience of men, and everything in it is meant to please them.

Emilia Clarke, whose character was stripped naked in one of the very first episodes, must have noticed this below the waist imbalance, too.

And she has a solution. She proclaimed *GoT* needs to "free the penis" while appearing on the Conan O'Brien show last week.

But creating a genital gender parity won't actually add up to much, say our experts.

"Seeing a guy walking around with a huge powerful boner and smashing it into some lady's face isn't really going to help the gender politics of the show," says Evans. The idea of "just throw more d— in for the ladies" isn't going to work. "Context matters."

In other words — breaking news — *Game of Thrones* is not single-handedly toppling the patriarchy any time soon.

But Boler has hope yet. If we get to see John Snow's 'Longclaw', for example, "maybe it'll make people think 'huh, now why is this surprising me?'"

So Monday morning, while you're hovering around the online water cooler discussing *GoT*'s latest bombshell plot twist — pause for a moment, and think of the penis.

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Series surprises you never knew

BEHIND THE SCENES

Here's a touch of trivia just in time for the new season

As Season 6 starts April 24, obviously the most pressing question is whether a certain character is still alive, but here are five little-known truths about the show based on interviews with the cast.

The Pope and the High Sparrow

When the 68-year-old Welsh icon Jonathan Pryce was cast in 2014 as religious cult figure the High Sparrow, he was inspired to a degree by present-day Catholic leader Pope Francis. "Francis's election coincided with the High Sparrow's appearance," Pryce said. "And there was Francis going around, very publicly administering to the poor and acknowledging that he was a man of the people, so he wanted to do away with all the finery and the trappings of the Vatican. . . . That's how High Sparrow started; he wanted to be seen as a man of the people. He walks barefoot, he dresses in rags, he appears not to wash very often — a bit of a mistake, but there you go. And on the other hand, unlike Pope Francis, who is pleading for understanding of people's tics and phobias, he's dishing out punishments in a quite violent and aggressive way. So he's a great dichotomy."

Forgiveness for Melisandre
Carice van Houten is accustomed to hatred on social media because of her role as priestess Melisandre, particularly after convincing King Stannis Baratheon to burn his own daughter alive in Season 5, but she notes GoT fans will let even the most heinous bygones be bygones if she can bring back beloved hero Jon Snow. "I had so many people texting me on Twitter: 'Die b—, die, when are you gonna die? Die die die!'" van Houten said. "Then, when Jon Snow died, (they said), 'We'll forgive you if you bring Jon Snow back!'"

A Game of Math

Arguably the most impressive of all the series' feats is the use of limited airtime — 10 episodes at approximately 50 minutes apiece — to breathe life into a main cast

that numbers in the dozens. "When David (Benioff) and Daniel (Weiss) start a season . . . what they're faced with first and foremost is a huge mathematical quandary," says John Bradley, a.k.a. Samwell Tarly.

"Every single one of these characters needs to have a satisfying arc. They have to start at one place and finish at another place, and go through a journey throughout the season that has peaks and troughs, and they learn something and they're a different person in Episode 10 than they were in Episode 1. . . . The writing has to be very economical. . . . Everything has to progress, even if it is just two characters talking — which it is, quite a lot — that is designed to establish something about them. So something you thought was a piece of decorative information actually turns out to be vital."

Tywin the Younger

Although his psychotic son Ramsay Bolton gets most of the hate, Roose Bolton (Michael McElhatton) is quite the piece of work himself: a power-mad, whip-smart leader who'd switch allegiances in an eye's blink if it meant pushing him even slightly up the pecking order. If you're wondering why GoT never needed to show House Lannister patriarch Tywin Lannister (Charles Dance) in his youth, it's because they have his essence in Roose. "Incredibly strong parallels," McElhatton says. "That's (Roose's) absolute modus operandi; it's all about power and that's the way he's totally made up: as a cold, political figure who'll do anything for the upkeep and survival of House Bolton."

Blind Acting the Blind

Maisie Williams has different challenges in Season 6, not only in portraying a character struck blind (Arya Stark), but in effectively acting without sight.

"I had to wear contact lenses that covered my whole eye and made them look murky and cloudy, and also made my vision murky and cloudy," Williams said. "I could see lights, but not really any shapes or anything like that. Pretending to be blind when you actually can't see anything is a lot easier than pretending to be blind with your eyes on full display. But I did my fair share of both, be-

cause Arya gets very physical (in Season 6) and does a lot of stunts, and so doing that without my vision was very, very difficult. We had a separate set of lenses that had little peepholes in, for safety for myself and other people."

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Although Ramsay Bolton gets most of the GoT fan hate, he's not the only Bolton who deserves it. Roose Bolton is as power hungry and conniving as a young Tywin Lannister and will stop at nothing to ensure the survival of House of Bolton. HBO

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The bad thing about beauty

ANALYSIS

Charlize Theron GQ gaffe out of character

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada



In polite society no one would dare ask a stranger about his or her father's violent death, but celebrity culture is not polite society.

Over the years I've heard interviewers ask questions ranging from the innocuous — "What are you wearing?" — to the silly — "How do you keep your bum in such great shape?" — but rarely have I heard anything as unnecessarily meddling as the query aimed at Charlize Theron during a press conference I hosted several years ago.

A reporter asked the actress about seeing her mother shoot her abusive, alcoholic father dead when she was a teenager. But instead of breaking down Theron said, "I'm not talking about that," with an icy finality that made everyone freeze.

I admired her for not over sharing, not spilling the intimate details of her life. She's careful what she says to the press, avoids scandal and damage controls the ones that inevitably pop up in every celeb's life. For instance, recently she said, short and sweetly, "We both decided to separate," when accused of "ghosting" on her romance with Sean Penn.

She understands some things should only be spoken about when and where she chooses and not at the behest of an aggressive reporter looking to dredge up painful memories for the sake of "good television." Theron is media savvy so I was surprised a few weeks ago when she caused a media hurly burly with comments about the burden of being beautiful.

Chatting up her new film *The Huntsman: Winter's War* with British GQ she said, "How many roles are out there for the gorgeous, BLEEPING, gown-wearing eight-foot model? When

because, "how many characters really are there out there for a woman wearing a gown? You have to play real people."

The mea culpa was unnecessary. She works in a business where beauty is a commodity.

The problem with her earlier statement is that publicly acknowledging one's own looks carries with it a hint of arrogance, a suggestion that winning the genetic lottery somehow makes you superior, but she simply said something others already have.

Keira Knightley claims she almost lost the role in *Pride and Prejudice* because the director thought she was too

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Charlize Theron

meaty roles come through, I've been in the room and pretty people get turned away first."

She is a beautiful woman, that is clear, but is she intimating that being beautiful has harmed her career?

Turns out she wasn't, or so she claims. Alleging a misquote, she later apologized, saying that playing "deconstructed characters" appeals

pretty and Jessica Biel says being *Esquire's* 2005 Sexiest Woman cost her work.

Theron may have missed out on a job or two because of her looks, but it's also an element of what made her a star.

That and talent, and just as you wouldn't apologize for skin colour or having red hair or being tall or short, she doesn't need to say sorry for being beautiful.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

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Charlize Theron recently came under fire for complaining there's no serious roles for beautiful, gown-wearing women. CONTRIBUTED

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Even with Tom Hanks attached to this project, filmmaker Tom Tykwer struggled to secure financing for this independent film. CONTRIBUTED

Indy film a tough sell despite star

A HOLOGRAM FOR THE KING

Director Tom Tykwer struggled with Tom Hanks pic

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada



Tom Tykwer is a busy guy. The filmmaker behind hits like 1998's *Run Lola Run* and *Cloud Atlas* isn't just set to begin shooting a busy TV drama called *Berlin Babylon*, but he's also about to release his latest big-screen hit.

It's a whirlwind schedule the likes of which Tykwer's never entertained before.

"I'm in the eye of the storm," laughed the 50-year-old German auteur from a Berlin taxi ultimately en route to the world premiere of *A Hologram for the King* in Manhattan. "Its unfortunate the release date ended up coinciding with the (TV show) but it's a very decadent, luxurious problem to have."

Ironically, Tykwer's frantic situation doesn't remotely resemble that of the protagonist in his new movie. Based on author Dave Eggers' bestseller, *A Hologram for the King* follows a has-been salesman (Tom Hanks) around Saudi Arabia where he aims to seal a huge development deal but ends up stalled in the

sand endlessly awaiting a meeting that never happens.

"I loved the idea of a dynamic movie of someone who basically runs into a wall and stops," said Tykwer.

"His whole life comes to a halt and I loved the challenge to make that the most dynamic film I've done since *Run Lola Run*."

Making a film about "standing still" was not a painless movie to get produced either. In fact, even with a name like Tom Hanks attached, Tykwer still struggled for modest financing because "the whole market of independent filmmaking on a slightly larger canvas, it's the hardest battlefield at the moment — you have to be really, really low-budget or over \$200 (million)."

Still, there's no doubt that what may lure many moviegoers to shell out for the comic allegory about middle-class angst is Tom Hanks.

Now having worked twice with the star (*Cloud Atlas*, this), Tykwer feels he's unearthed one of the mysteries of the Oscar-winning thespian.

"The secret is similar to what you project on him: He is insanely relatable," explained Tykwer.

"There's an openness that happens with him that I've not actually experienced elsewhere and I don't know even how aware he is of it. It's just something he instinctively knows how to do."

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was (someone behind it)," said Tykwer of the film that first drew him to directing. "I was overwhelmed by the idea that this could actually be a profession."

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Russell Peters home after tour

COMEDY

Hiatus beckons after straight-to-Netflix show at Massey Hall

After a whirlwind two-year world tour that saw him hanging out with Saudi royals and Syrian refugees, Canadian standup superstar Russell Peters is winding down on home soil.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, performances at Toronto's Massey Hall will be recorded for a Netflix special. Then after a couple of other shows next month — and an appearance on Lip Sync Battle with CeeLo Green — he'll finally start a four-month break in June to spend time with his five-year-old daughter.

"I'm kind of excited about it, actually — nervous and excited," the 45-year-old said of taking so many months off for the first time in his career.

The Brampton, Ont.-raised comic, who's known for skewering racial stereotypes, is in town after performing 250 shows in 120 cities across 25 countries for his Almost Famous World Tour — his longest and biggest yet. The Middle East has probably his biggest fanbase, "the most rabid, that's for sure," said Peters.

In Saudi Arabia, one of the show promoters was a prince and he was "treated literally like royalty by royalty." Meanwhile, in Jordan, he visited the Zaatari Syrian refugee camp on a request by the Canadian government.

He discovered the children there don't have aspirations of living in other countries, as he and many others had come to believe.

"They just want to go back to Syria," said Peters. "I get it. When you're there and you see it in their face, there's no evil in them. They're just displaced people, they just want to go home."

Peters also beefed up his acting resume while on tour, with credits including the Jon Favreau film *Chef* and Disney's *The Jungle Book*, in which he voices the peacock and Rocky the Rhino.

“Political correctness has disallowed us to be angry

Russell Peters, on the state of standup comedy



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The number of cities Peters visited in 25 countries during his 250-show, two-year Almost Famous World Tour.

cock and Rocky the Rhino.

Peters said he picked Massey Hall for his Netflix taping because he wanted to "scale it back to a normal-sized venue" after previously recording specials at Madison Square Garden, the O2 arena, and the Allphones Arena.

"I wanted to do it in my city," he added, "and I think Massey Hall defines my city as that building has been

there before all the other buildings."

This is Peters's second straight-to-Netflix special and he enjoys the freedom the platform offers.

"Regular TV, I deal with all their other corporate BS," he said. "Netflix is still run fairly loose, I would say. They let you do what you want to do and then they take the content."

In his act, he plans to riff on some Canadian topics as well as his little girl — who lives in Los Angeles with Peters's ex-wife, Monica Diaz — and the sassy nature she

got from him.

"Too much of it," he said. "But it's so funny because she'll do things the exact same way I would do something, and then I try to explain to her, 'Baby, you can't pull that on me, that's exactly what I would have done. And I'm not mad at you because that's exactly what I would have done.'"

Peters got his start at Toronto's Yuk Yuk's comedy chain, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

Founder Mark Breslin recently told The Canadian Press he feels standup com-

edy has "gotten really, really soft," which Peters agrees with.

"Political correctness has disallowed us to be angry," he said.

"We have to be so accepting of everything that if you have an opinion on something, it automatically means you are against these people. And that's not what it means. It means I have a preference, this is what I like and that's what they like and we can still co-exist quite fine, both liking different things."

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Illness no barrier to survival

Nicole Apelian first learned how to live primitively by tracking lions through the South African bush while doing academic research. More recently, she started gathering wild plants to eat to slow the progress of her multiple sclerosis.

In many ways, that made the 46-year-old native of Worcester, Massachusetts, a natural fit for the cast of *Alone*, a History Channel reality series that follows 10 survivalists on a remote part of Canada's Vancouver Island. Season 2 airs at 9 p.m. EDT Thursdays.

Like the rest of the show's contestants, Apelian had accrued a lifetime of outdoor experience before being placed on the island, where black bears, wolves and cougars roam freely.

Despite her disease and the dangers of mingling with predators, Apelian never questioned going on the show once History extended the offer.

"I love being in the wilderness alone — I'll admit that," she told The Associated Press in an interview.

Cast members were each dropped in separate spots on the island. Each was given six cameras for filming themselves and an emergency button to reach the producers.

"We were dropped by ourselves and we were completely alone," Apelian said. "This is a show people can watch and know there's not a whole film crew surrounding you."

Cohabiting with wildlife and having to catch her dinner wasn't the biggest challenge. It was leaving her two young sons and boyfriend for an undetermined amount of time.

But Apelian, now living in Portland, Oregon, saw an opportunity to inspire others to push themselves.

"My goal was to thrive out there," she said. "I didn't want to just exist, I wanted to thrive and be a role model for girls and women everywhere."

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Then there's Keanu Reeves, who speaks approximately 10 words in the film in between brooding and maniacal laughing

and often starred in, five Shakespeare plays for the big screen.

"It's fascinating how different generations get Shakespeare through the leading interpreters of their day," Simon said as I plated up dinner, a made-up casserole consisting of polenta, peppers and spicy Italian sausage, which tasted great but looked like garbage.

"The day changes, and so does the interpretation. For our parent's generation it was Shakespeare as he existed through Laurence Olivier and John Gielgud. For us, it's through K-Bran."

"Excuse me?"

"That's what we're calling Kenneth in this house from now on, FYI."

Fine, but which K-Bran production to watch? I suggested Henry V, Branagh's directorial debut (he turned 28 while filming it!) that scored him Oscar nominations for best director and best actor, if only to revisit the end when he carries a young Christian Bale over his shoulder in that four-minute-long single tracking shot, a move that would become the director's trademark.

But Simon argued for Hamlet — the four-hour-long unabridged Hamlet — so, no.

We settled on a comedy, *Much Ado About Nothing*.

"This is perfect," Simon said once we started. "It's set in Tuscany and we're having a Tuscan-inspired meal."

"Ah, polenta is not Tuscan," I said.

"Stop talking because you're missing all the bulges," he said, as men on horseback in tight white pants filled the screen.

"You stop because you're

missing Denzel Washington!"

"Impossible," he said.

"I can't take my eyes off him."

"I can't take my eyes off

their teeth," I replied. "I'm pretty sure Emma Thompson and Kate Beckinsale have since had their chompers fixed."

And then there's Keanu Reeves, who speaks approximately 10 words in the film in between brooding and maniacal laughing.

"Wouldn't you love to get K-Bran drunk and get him to talk about that casting?" Simon asked. "I mean, I know he's good looking but he's not so good looking that you're

distracted and miss the fact that he can't act."

"I kind of like him," I said, "in the same way that I enjoy Drew Barrymore: It's like they're both playing dress-up, or acting in a school play. It's charming."

"God K-Bran is funny," Simon said. "Can you imagine when he's old enough to do *King Lear*?"

"Actually, it's Shakespeare that's funny," I said. "But K-Bran's got a good sense of humour. I mean, he directed *Thor*."

That we know relatively little about the most famous — and most performed — playwright in the world is astounding.

And what scant documentary evidence does exist is dissected and over-interpreted until all you have are the plays themselves, which "would scarcely have survived if his friends and fellow actors had not gathered together every scrap of every play they could find," the Guardian wrote.

And then they too are ripped apart and put back together again in the hopes of knowing Shakespeare.

April 23 is the 400th anniversary of his death and the world is celebrating: Books, both new and reissued, on the Bard are being published, film adaptations will be screened — from Franco Zeffirelli's *Romeo and Juliet* to looser interpretations including *Ran* (King Lear) and *10 Things I Hate About You* (The Taming of the Shrew) — exhibitions held, and, of course, theatre companies will stage his 37 comedies, tragedies and histories.

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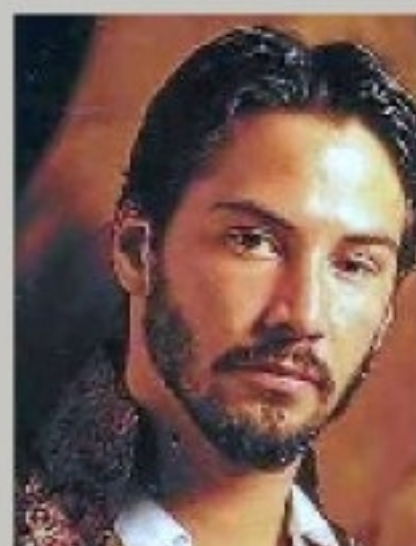
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The many faces of Polly Jean Harvey

NEW RELEASE

With her ninth album out, Metro looks at a 24-year career

Ben Rayner
Torstar News Service

Now that David Bowie has shuffled off this mortal coil, P.J. Harvey might be the closest thing we've got left.

The iconoclastic English art-pop auteur released her ninth studio solo album in 24 years, the deceptively devastating agit-folk song cycle *The Hope Six Demolition Project*, last Friday and, once again, it didn't bother much with sounding like whatever you might expect a P.J. Harvey album to sound like — if, at this point, you still expect a P.J. Harvey album to sound anything like what she's done before.

Even *Hope Six's* creation was fittingly unique. Harvey cut part of the record behind one-way glass before a handful of very, very lucky fans during a month-long run of studio sessions at London's Somerset House, once the site of a Tudor palace, early last year.

And before that — as an extension of the scholarly inquiries into the human consequences of war begun with 2011's exceptional *Let England Shake* — she traveled to Afghanistan, Kosovo and the uglier reaches of Washington, D.C., to gain a roving diarist's appreciation of three very different locales brought to their knees by three very different types of conflict.

She walks the walk. And, with Bowie sadly gone, she's probably purest art-for-art's-sake rock 'n' roller still operating at such a level of main-



Acclaimed U.K. songstress PJ Harvey has just released her ninth album, *The Hope Six Demolition Project*.

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The cover art for PJ Harvey's scorching second album, *Rid of Me*. ISLAND RECORDS

stream visibility.

So here's a bluffer's guide to *The Many Faces of Polly Jean Harvey* if you haven't been previously paying attention.

All-in art-punk outsider

P.J. Harvey's *Dry* was beyond comparison when it arrived in 1992 and still is today, unless you're using it in comparison



The cover art for P.J. Harvey's 1998 album *Is This Desire?*

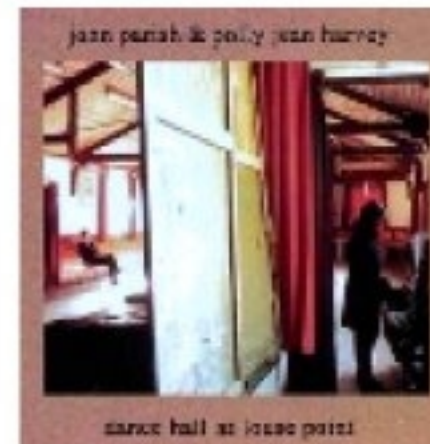
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to other artists. Just 22 years old and fresh from rural/coastal Dorset in England, she and a limber power trio named in her honour unintentionally caught a bit of the grunge-era femme-rock zeitgeist being ushered in by the likes of Hole, Babes in Toyland and Juliana Hatfield while dealing in a cryptic species of folk-ish

punk that nakedly revelled in and/or tore apart every ideal of "femininity" in rock 'n' roll music you could think of.

Alternate-universe blues diva

The first of many extreme Harvey studio makeovers to come, 1995's *To Bring You My Love* — realized with help from fu-



The cover art for P.J. Harvey's first collaborative album with John Parish, *Dance Hall at Louse Point*.

ture go-to producer Flood — distilled all the tension of her first two albums to a tightly coiled, entirely unnerving species of oozing, nightmare-blues dread that no one else has ever even tried to duplicate, in much the same way that no one ever dared go as dark as Joy Division did on *Closer*.

Oddly enough, Harvey's scarlet-clad persona in the *Down by the Water* video helped make it a sort of sleeper hit.

The new Patti Smith

There were hints of Patti on earlier albums, of course, but on 2000's sparkling *Stories from the City, Stories from the Sea*, Harvey landed in New York City and turned in an album that bears the unmistakable stamp of Smith's CBGBs-era output.

That's not the whole deal, of course — you can find a tether to every previous record in the Harvey catalogue here — but it's probably not an accident that she titled the penultimate tune on a record repeatedly referencing Smith's *Horses*, *Horses In My Dreams*. P.J. Harvey does nothing by accident. She won the Mercury Prize for her efforts.

Protest singer

For 2011's *Let England Shake*, Harvey immersed herself in Britain's long, troubling history of war and colonization and emerged with a poignant, folksy denunciation of the folly of conquest and its human consequences.

She earned another Mercury Prize for her efforts. Now, five years later, she has returned to similar thematic territory, this time gilding her call-and-response singalongs with blasts of free-jazz saxophone and roiling, live-recorded blues-rock grit and grounding her anti-imperialist sentiment in on-the-ground observations drawn from voyages to Afghanistan and Kosovo, along with neglected stretches of Washington, D.C., where the American dream of "freedom and equality for all" has yet to bear fruit.

As powerful and challenging as ever. At 46, P.J. Harvey has yet to lose any steam.

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5 ISLAND EXPERIENCES TO HAVE IN ANGUILLA

This semi-posh British island just north of St. Martin has one of the highest rates of repeat visitors in the Caribbean. And for good reason: the beaches are never crowded, the food is great, and the people are warm and welcoming. The off-season from May to August is a perfect time to go.

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1 Hit the water

Just staring into the turquoise water on any of Anguilla's white sand beaches will keep you busy for hours. But when you tire of relaxing, **deep-sea fishing, kite surfing, paddle boarding, kayaking and scuba diving** can easily occupy your time. An afternoon sailing from bay to bay on classic sailboat the Tradition or a power boat adventure from Funtime Charters are just two types of cruise options to seek out.



2 Buy some art

When was the last time you bought a souvenir that didn't just end up in a drawer? **Many choice craft boutiques and galleries dot the streets of The Valley and the West End.** Cheddie Richardson's studio in Cove Bay will net you arresting driftwood pieces, stone sculptures and bronze casts, all nature-inspired. And the handmade jewellery, bright ceramics and sensual mahogany carvings at the Devonish Art Gallery are equally amazing.



3 Have the lobster

Earmark Wednesday or Sunday for lunch on Scilly Cay, a tiny islet off Shoal Bay, reachable by a free, 10-minute boat ride. Here you'll find a charming and rustic (if pricey) restaurant run by Sandra and Eudoxie "Gorgeous" Wallace, who whip up **Anguilla's best rum punch, plus platters of barbecued lobster, snapper and chicken.** Spend the rest of the afternoon frolicking in the shallow waters and working on your tan.



4 Go A-list for sunset

Sunset at the Sunset Lounge couldn't be more special. People flock to this elegant waterfront bar in the Viceroy Anguilla hotel at cocktail time to see how the other half lives and to prime the night with the signature jalapeño margarita. **This Kelly Wearstler-designed resort is stunning, especially the adjacent Cobà restaurant.** You can also hit the lounge later in the evening for a nightcap and a spot of jazz.



5 Get down

Live music is very much a part of the culture in Anguilla. Locals and tourists lap up reggae, jazz and R&B bands almost every night at one of many venues scattered around the island, including the Powerhouse, Johnno's Beach Stop and the Dunes Preserve, owned by music icon Bankie Banx. Other acts to seek out include Banx's son, cricket-champ-turned-reggae-star Omari Banks, Natalie Richardson, Da Movements, True Intentions and Sproka.

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NOT A TOURIST | A letter from Omar Mouallem in Tuscany

The perfect ruin

Canadians Jonathan Lawrence and Stephan Petasky are turning on tortuous roads in a rented Fiat, past central Tuscany's swooping pastures, rolling hills and tilled clay. At the end of a cypress-lined road, a 300 to 500-year-old sprawling property comes into view and Petasky, president of high-end vacation home developer Luxus, practically jumps out of the passenger seat.



"Whoa! There's a ruin for you," he says, staring at the dilapidated hilltop farmhouse with a half a roof and trees growing out the inside.

He estimates the former peasant property will cost €350,000 (more than half a million in Canadian dollars), but it will take another several million to turn it into something deserving of the Luxus brand. "That's where it all starts."

With Fulvio di Rosa, a renowned Italian engineer and restoration architect, Petasky recently restored Panico Padore, a super fixer-upper near Monteroni D'Arbia into a corporate retreat. Now he's looking for more.

Di Rosa and his partner soon pull up in a dusted green pickup. Di Rosa

removes his sweater, knots it around his waist, and begins investigating the palatial farmhouse with a furrowed brow — first from afar, to assess the vista quality, then up close, running his fingers through massive cracks. It's nothing he can't handle.

Di Rosa's restored whole medieval hamlets, innumerable private properties and counts amongst his clients and friends Under the Tuscan Sun author Frances Mayes.

The 1997 chick-lit blockbuster didn't so much jumpstart the Italian restoration industry as set it to turbo-charge.

How many properties worth salvaging remain?

"In terms of a ruin that's authentic, has interesting architecture, has a view without problems like a 10,000 kilowatt pole?" he asks rhetorically. "Under 20 I would say."

This is one of them. Although one side has caved in, the high ceilings have great potential. There's a beautiful mix of stone and brick. A smaller separate barn that could be converted into a caretaker's suite.

Best of all, says di Rosa, "There's nothing obstructing the view. It's perfect."



Renowned restoration architect and engineer Fulvio di Rosa checks out the scene at a dilapidated, but stunning farmhouse in Italy. COURTESY OMAR MOUALLEM



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Wings struck down in 5

NHL PLAYOFFS

Lightning into second round thanks to Bishop's donut

Ben Bishop refused to crack. Tampa Bay's Vezina Trophy candidate stopped 34 shots, Alex Killorn scored with less than two minutes remaining and the Lightning advanced to the second round of the Stanley Cup playoffs with a 1-0 victory over the Detroit Red Wings on Thursday night.

Bishop used all of his six-foot-seven frame, even making one third-period save with his mask, to repeatedly deny the Red Wings and post his fourth career playoff shutout.

"I just wanted to find a way to win, the guys have done a good job scoring goals all series for me... It was my turn tonight," Bishop said. "I just had to keep them out of the net."

Killorn's second winning goal of the series was set up by Ryan Callahan, who retrieved goalie Petr Mrazek's bad pass behind the Detroit net and centered the puck in the crease for Killorn's backhand at 18:17 of the third. Killorn also provided the winner in Game 1.

"It was a play where Mrazek makes a goalie play and Callahan kind of jumped him. Once I saw that Mrazek was out of his net, I was trying to gain position and go to the net knowing that if Callahan could get it to me I could probably

GAME 5 In Tampa



put it in," Killorn said.

"It's a great feeling. We battled so hard for those two periods and there were periods where Bishop kept us in it. To get the winning goal with under two minutes left was huge because I think they did outplay us at instances in that game."

Tampa Bay eliminated the Red Wings in the first round for the second straight year, advancing to a second-round matchup against either the Florida Panthers or New York Islanders, whose opening-round series is tied 2-2.

Detroit pushed the defending Eastern Conference champions to seven games a year ago, but could only beat them once in five attempts this time, with Killorn, Tyler Johnson and Nikita Kucherov picking up the offensive slack for Tampa Bay with star Steven Stamkos injured.

"It is always hard losing a game like that.... That kind of goal is frustrating," Mrazek said. "We had lots of chances to finish it earlier. We just couldn't score."

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Ben Bishop and Pavel Datsyuk share a laugh after what could have been The Magic Man's last NHL game. CHRIS O'MEARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Another no-no for Arrieta

THURSDAY In Cincinnati



Jake Arrieta of the Chicago Cubs pitched his second no-hitter in a span of 11 regular-season starts, shutting down the Cincinnati Reds in a 16-0 rout Thursday night.

The reigning NL Cy Young winner threw the first no-hitter of the Major League Baseball season.

Arrieta (4-0) struck out six, walked four and allowed only six balls hit out of the infield. He threw 119 pitches, retiring Eugenio Suarez on a routine flyball to right field to end it.

Arrieta also no-hit the Dodgers 2-0 last Aug. 30, part of one of the best pitching stretches in club history.

The Reds hadn't been held hitless in a regular-season game since 1971, when Rick Wise did it for Philadelphia. In the 2010 NL playoffs, Roy Halladay of the Phillies pitched a no-hitter against Cincinnati.

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Go to metronews.ca for coverage of the Jays' 3-2 loss in Baltimore.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Ducks back on even ground with Preds

Nate Thompson and Jamie McGinn scored nearly 2 minutes apart late in the second period, and the Anaheim Ducks beat the Nashville Predators 4-1 on Thursday night to even up their first-round series at 2-2.

Ryan Getzlaf and Andrew Cogliano also scored as the road team stayed perfect in this best-of-seven series.

Goalie Frederik Andersen picked up his second straight win by making 30 saves and setting a career shutout streak

GAME 4 In Nashville



of 91 minutes, 26 seconds.

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IN BRIEF

Malkin dismantles Rangers

Flashing his old brilliance, Evgeni Malkin scored two goals and set up two others and the Pittsburgh Penguins pushed the New York Rangers to the brink of playoff elimination with a 5-0 victory Thursday night.

Malkin, whose four points tied his single-game playoff high, assisted on two of the Pens' three first-period goals in helping Pittsburgh dominate the Rangers for the second straight game and go up 3-1 in the series.

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Ex-WWE star Chyna found dead in California home

Chyna, the tall, muscle-bound, raven-haired pro-wrestler who rocketed to popularity in the 1990s after taking on both women and men and later revealed her struggles with addiction on reality TV, has died, authorities said. She was 46.

Police in Southern California said they were responding to a 911 call from a friend of the former WWE wrestler when they found her dead in her Redondo Beach apartment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UFC 200

McGregor knocks out retirement talk

UFC fans, rejoice. Conor McGregor is not retired.

He's even willing to resume his spot in the main event at UFC 200.

The mixed martial arts superstar is simply fed up with the gruelling promotional demands that come with being a pay-per-view star.

The 27-year-old fighter known for his over-the-top per-

sonality says "I can not dance for you this time."

McGregor posted on Facebook Thursday that he needed to focus on himself and not the massive hype of his megafights.

UFC said president Dana White would not comment until a scheduled press conference Friday in Las Vegas.

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For Metro Canada

Celebrate the end of the week with a pancake equivalent of a pina colada.

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup spelt flour
- 1/4 cup ground almonds
- 1/4 unsweetened, shredded coconut
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- pinch of salt
- 2 ripe bananas
- 1/2 cup almond milk
- 1/3 cup light coconut milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon agave nectar or maple syrup
- butter for pan

Directions

1. In a mixing bowl, combine

the flour, ground almonds, coconut, cinnamon, baking powder and salt.

2. Place one banana, coconut and almond milks, vanilla and syrup in a blender and blend until smooth. Add the milk mixture to the dry ingredients and stir until combined.

3. In a large skillet over medium heat, melt a small pat of butter and swirl it around. Then spoon the pancake mixture into the pan, allowing room for the pancakes to spread. Cook the pancakes for 2 to 3 minutes or until the mix bubble on the top. Flip the pancakes and allow to cook for another minute or two.

4. Remove the pancakes from the pan and keep warm. Top with the other banana, sliced and serve with syrup.

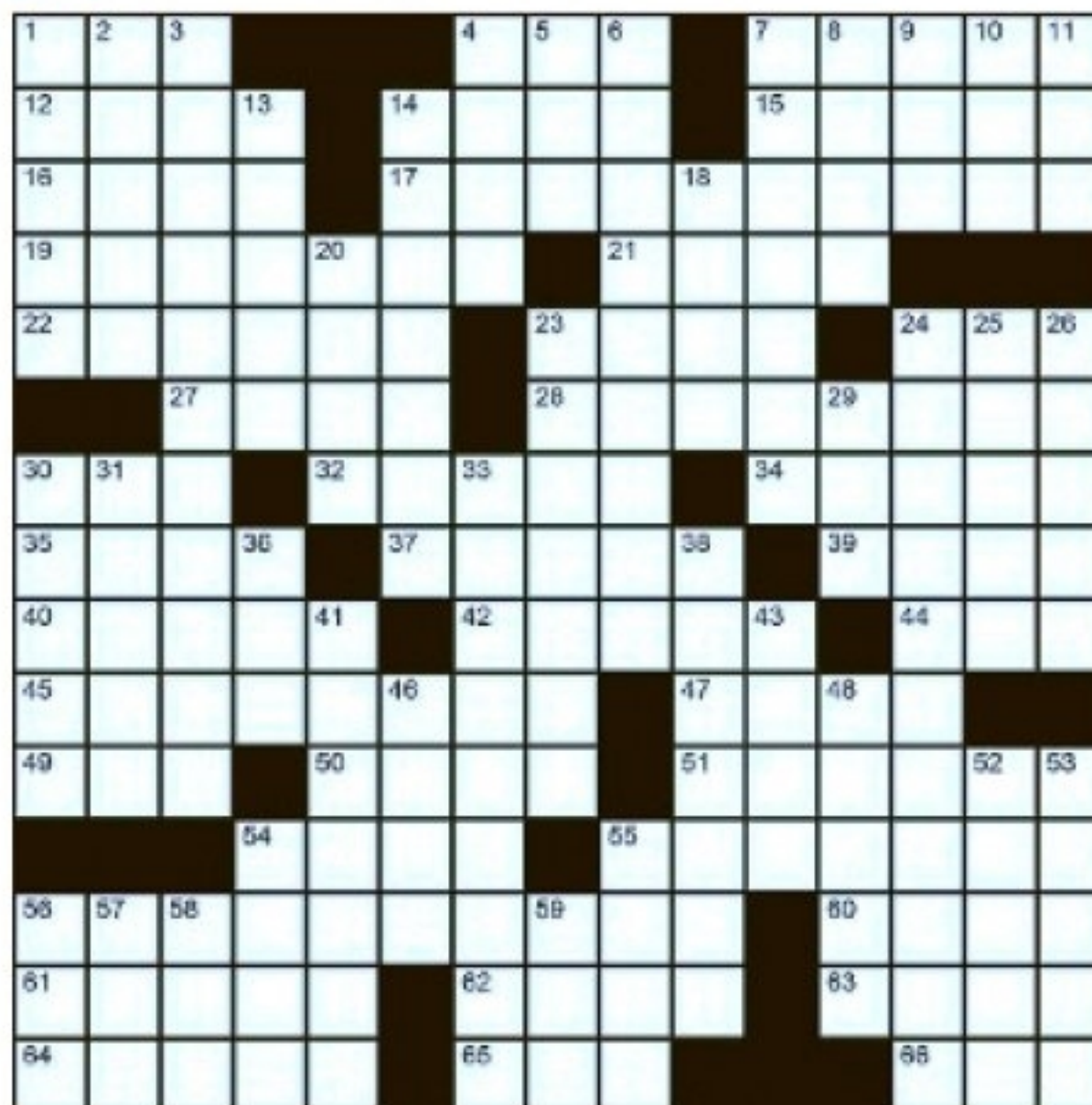
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1. Half man/half dog like John Candy's character Barf in "Spaceballs" (1987)
4. Theatrical monogram
7. Shopping _
12. Grads-to-be [abbr.]
14. Valley where David slew Goliath
15. "Bolero" composer
16. 1906-founded sports org.
17. Bosses, collectively
19. Wrapped
21. NBC host Hoda
22. "Journey to the _ of the Earth" (2008)
23. Video game maker
24. Angelina Jolie movie
27. "Star Wars" character
28. What something cut in half consists of: 2 wds.
30. Tips, tiny-ly
32. Ms. Woodard
34. Web letter
35. Pet food brand
37. "___ for Murder" (1954)
39. AD's 'A'
40. Former
42. Farm structures
44. Bird that's a thief
45. One-of-some in the finished basement's ceiling
47. Pushers-catching cop
49. 'Ghoul' suffix
50. Hostile-to-Hobbits humanoid



51. Ryan and Tatum of "Paper Moon" (1973)
54. "___ Crazy" (1980)
55. k.d. lang album
56. 1851: _ Beaver (Canada's first postage stamp)
60. Eagles song: "___ Eyes"
61. FOX News anchor

62. Village dubbed 'A Little Bit of Holland in Saskatchewan'
63. Fair
64. "Funkytown" by _ Inc.
65. Initials-sharers of John Travolta's actress wife

66. Bible: Relative of Saul

DOWN

1. Cable news network
2. Timely way to deliver theatrical lines: 2 wds.
3. Crunchy apple:

4. Happy
5. Shut out
6. '___ Before Serving' (Orange juice carton message)
7. Record before broadcasting
8. Farm animal
9. Rd. type

10. Bush's "Everything _"
11. Computer key
13. "..._ say..." = "...alas..."
14. _ green
18. Belinda Carlisle, band-style
20. Mother of Helen of Troy
23. British band, Dire _
24. Song by Canadian band Timber Timbre, quite an attraction in Arizona: 2 wds.
25. Singer Ms. Turner's autobiography: 2 wds.
26. "It must be _ news day."
29. Music honour, e.g.
30. Miss Longstocking
31. Poi ingredients
33. _ _ Provincial Park, in Calgary
36. Roman sun god
38. Cher, Madonna, Beyonce or Sting
41. Rampage participants
43. Crooned
46. Film set job
48. Careens
52. "The Good Earth" (1937) Oscar-winning actress Ms. Rainer
53. Sir, in Spain
54. Ooze
55. 'Tsar' suffix (Russian empresses)
56. Li'l piece of furniture to eat at
57. Yes, in Japan
58. Tear
59. Particular pol. party

***IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake**

Aries March 21 - April 20
You will seek excitement today, because you crave something different! New romance, along with new pleasures and diversions, will delight you.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You feel restless today. Some of you will dabble in a secret love affair. Others will explore a secret business that could bring them more money in the future.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You might make a new friend today; if so, this person will be unusual and exciting. Alternatively, some of you will be surprised at something that an existing friend might say or do. It's not a boring day!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
A surprise flirtation with your boss or someone in a position of authority might catch you off-guard today. Others will be delighted by unexpected praise or even a raise.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
A sudden chance to travel will drop into your lap today. However, existing travel plans might change. Whatever happens, you will expand your horizons.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Gifts, goodies and favors from others will come your way today. Keep your pockets open and just say, "Thank you!" Ka-ching!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You might have an unexpected disruption to an existing relationship with a friend or partner. (Be careful that you don't stir the pot just because you can.)

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
An unexpected raise or praise from a boss might delight you today. Travel for pleasure suddenly might arise because something will please you at work.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Romance might sweep you off your feet today, because this is a classic day for love at first sight. Others suddenly might have a chance to go on vacation. Yay!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You might buy something high-tech for your home today. You also might buy modern art. A spontaneous party might occur. Like, wow!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Surprise news or an opportunity to meet new people and see new places will make this an exciting day for you. Stay flexible and light on your feet!

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You might see new ways to earn money today. If so, you will have to act quickly, because this window of opportunity is brief. You might want to buy something.

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